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CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE TYNE.

WE understand the Newcastle public have taken the initiative in a very desirable matter, and are at present raising a subscription amongst the aquatic supporters to present Chambers with a massive silver cup for being Champion of the Tyne; he must, however, keep it against all comers for a period of three years before it becomes his private property. Nearly half the required amount has already been subscribed. It is a great pity that the metropolitan fraternity cannot dispense with the paltry expenses controversy and follow a like example. There is no denying but that if a suitable trophy was provided for the Championship of the Thames, with certain stipulations attached to it, there would be no necessity for a similar exhibition of feelings as that which originated in the unseemly discussion between our Champion and Everson. In our opinion this is the best and only mode of satisfactorily settling the dispute, and we think, if our contemporaries would advocate the like, instead of opening their columns to a nonsensical and party disturbance, the matter would soon be consummated. We shall be happy to receive subscriptions in furtherance of this object.

SWIMMING.

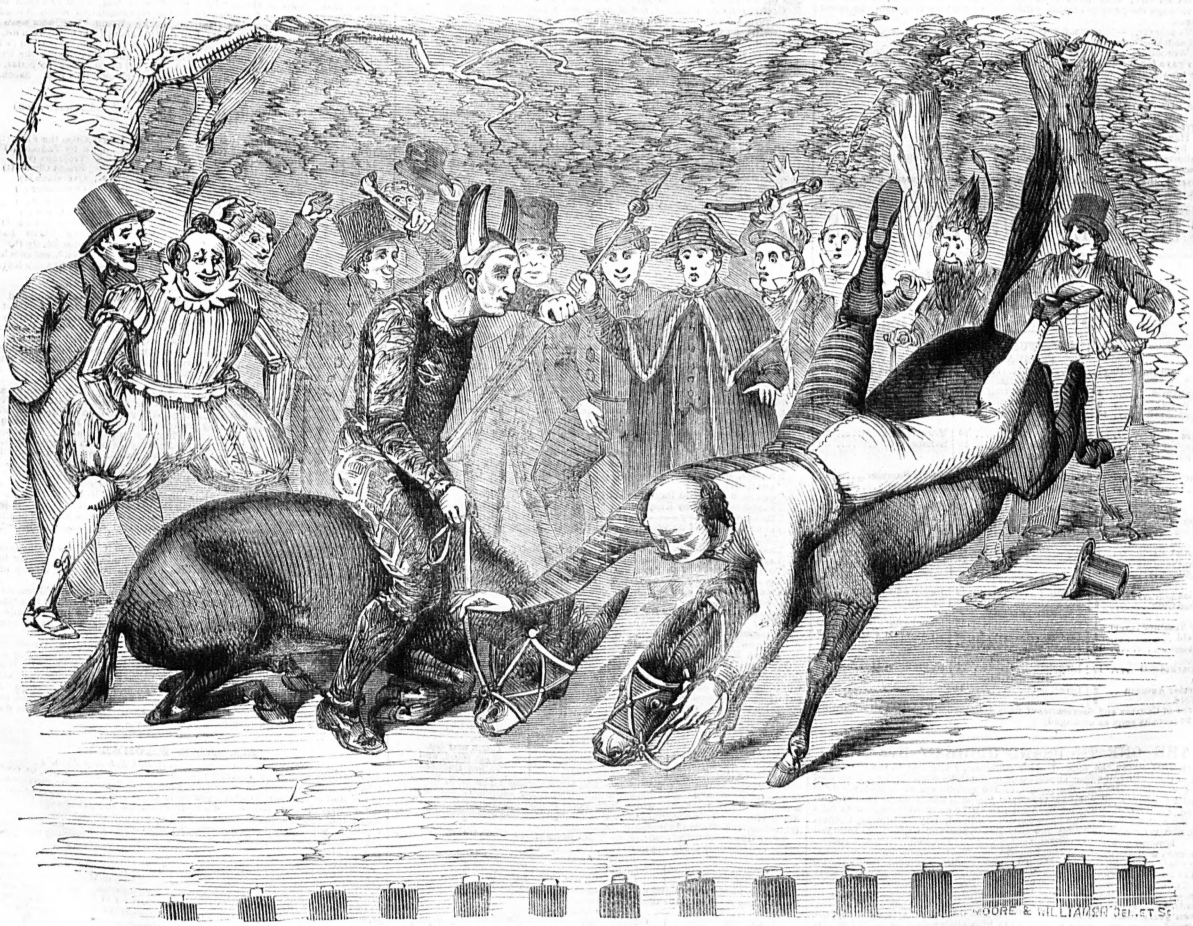
LONDON SWIMMING CLUB.

WE announced in our last number that a silver star would be contested for by the members of the London Swimming Club. That event came off on the 9th inst., to the general satisfaction of the public and the members present. The first heat was won by Drakeford, beating H. Evans. Second heat: Won by Payton, beating Ingram. Third heat: H. Bartlett, Evans, and Sowton—the latter winning. In the final heat Drakeford was declared the winner.

We would recommend those of our readers who have not witnessed a race of swimming in clothes, to visit Endell-street Baths on the first Friday in February, between eight and nine o'clock p.m., on which occasion there will be another competition, for a similar prize, under the same conditions as before—Jones and Drakeford, the two last winners, debarred, as it is hoped the new members will have gained sufficient practice to compete for it.

Among the company present was Donovan, whom we were glad to welcome to the shores of England. He is the greatest swimmer of the present day, and it would be a great treat to the Londoners if his stay in England could be extended to allow him to contend for the champion cup of England. Mather, who holds the cup, and Donovan, being both powerfully built, the contest would create great excitement.

When the committee started the idea of getting a cup of the value of £30 for the championship, they did not think it difficult to realise the amount; but we are sorry the subscriptions fall short of the required sum. Therefore, they have got up an entertainment at Deacon's Music Hall, for Feb. 10th; and we hope our readers will patronise it by the purchase of tickets—for tickets only will benefit them—to be had of Mr. Underhill, 18, Cross-street, Hatton Garden; or of Mr. Williamson, 188, Strand; and at the Hall. At the time of the first contest a bond was given for the amount. The cup will be finished by March 1st, full particulars of which are given in our 21st number. We shall be glad to further the object by receiving subscriptions.



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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

RING.—AMATEUR BOXER (Solihull).—Use spelaay.

T. M. W.—We will get you Hartley's age when we see him, but he is out of town, training. We have issued no covers.

DIM SHAW (Hull).—Mike Madden and Jack Grant fought one of the longest and most severe battles on record—5h 43min, when neither could finish, and the stakes were drawn at Woking, Dec. 18, 1848.

MIDDLE WEIGHT (Edinburgh).—Mace 5ft 9in at outside; barely 5ft 8in.

J. HART (Scarboro').—H. Manks is still living, but we do not know his present whereabouts. The last time we heard of our friend Richard he was at Nottingham. Perhaps he will communicate with us. 2. Mace first fought Sikes, of Norwich, at Mildenhall, Oct. 2, 1855, for £5 a side. Mace won—9 rounds, 19min. Can you drop us a line (early) if anything of a sporting nature comes off in your quarter?

EDITOR *New York Clipper*.—Your packet duly and safely reached town with the proofs of your fair friend from "the far West," whom we shall be highly glad to see, as well as yourself, in the old country. Many more might be advantageously placed in the metropolis; and we hope for a private copy of the spirited original ourselves. All well here; will write soon. *Bon voyage.*

HUNTING.—H. J. A. (Torquay).—We were extremely sorry to be compelled to omit the report, but we had no alternative. Another on the same topic, with the later movements of the pack, will be acceptable.

TURF.—L. E. (Chepstow).—There are two "Avengers; the one you mean is in Lord Stamford's stable, and ill health prevented him fulfilling any of his engagements. The other (out of Habena) is in Prince's establishment, and if he is not "out" he is about to be, being a wretched-tempered brute.

J. Y. Z. (Birmingham).—See our article upon the One Thousand Guineas' Stake, given this week. Our turf edition will give his Derby and Oaks articles shortly; they have been delayed until he has completed his tour through the principal training districts, so that we may note the latest changes.

A. T. (Manchester).—Buckstone was foaled in France.

B. B. (Leeds).—There is no distance in a third heat.

S. W. (Worcester).—The Nugget is not in training. It was 1,250 guineas that Oates gave for the colt by Kingston, out of Dinah, which was the highest price for a yearling last season.

STEEPLE-CHASING.—T. M. (Newcastle-upon-Tyne).—It was last year that the Rug and Aee of Hearts ran two dead heats for the Open Chase, four miles, at Carmarthen. The owners then agreed to divide, and the Rug walked over on the second day afterwards, which led to the controversy referred to.

N. P. (Liverpool).—The first Grand National Handicap at Aintree was won by Vanguard, ridden by Tom Olliver. Abd-el-Kader won the race in the shortest time. Frisby never rode the winner, but once or twice got a "place."

*** Several other questions, which did not arrive until late, stand over till our next.

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THE TURF.

RACING FIXTURES FOR 1863.

FEBRUARY.

Lincoln Spring					26

MARCH.

Nottingham S	3	Shrewsbury Spring	12	Northampton	24
Derby Spring	5	Doncaster Spring	17	Croxton Park	27
Liverpool Spring	10	Warwick Spring	17		

APRIL.

Durham	6	Thirsk	14	York Spring	28
Newmarket C	6	Epsom Spring	16	Salisbury	30
Catterick Bridge	8	Newmarket F S	20		

MAY.

Chester	5	Marlborough	14	Epsom Summer	19
Bath	12	Harpenden	15	Manchester	27

JUNE.

Ascot	2	Odiham	16	Newcastle	23
Newton	10	Bibury Club	17	Chelmsford	25
Hampton	10	Stockbridge	18	Carlisle	30

JULY.

Worcester Summer	2	Hungerford	16	Nottingham	21
Newmarket July	7	Winchester	21	Goodwood	28
Abingdon	14				

AUGUST.

Brighton	4	Reading	12	Devon and Exeter	19
Brighton Club	4	York August	18	Egham	26

SEPTEMBER

Derby Summer	1	Doncaster	15	Manchester Autumn	26
Lienfield	2	Brecon	21	Newmarket F O	29
Leicester	10	Monmouth	24		

OCTOBER.

Newmarket S O	12	Lincoln	21	Newmarket H	26

NOVEMBER.

Worcester Autumn	3	Liverpool	11	Shrewsbury	17
Hereford	9				

Clerks of Courses and Secretaries of Race Meetings will oblige by forwarding their fixtures as soon as arranged.

THE ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS' STAKES.

NOTWITHSTANDING the alleged great uncertainty attached to the running of fillies in the Spring, the One Thousand is to the Oaks what the Two Thousand is to the Derby. Indeed, the results of the encounters show that, notwithstanding the fillies' race is five years the junior, it has more frequently foreshadowed the Oaks' issue than the struggles of the colts over the Rowley Mile in ye olden the Derby. Now, Smolensko, Cadland, Bay Middleton, Cotherstone, and West Australian are the only Two Thousand victors that achieved Epsom honours; whereas Neva, Corinne, Zinc, Cobweb, Galata, Crucifix, Mendicant and Governess have won the two leading prizes for mares in the same year. Then again, The Wizard (1869), Nestor, Reginald, Riddleworth, Sir Tatton Sykes, Pilaflora, The Wizard (1850), and The Marquis, who were Two Thousand winners, last year, Daniel Deroy and Hawes, Problem, Preserve, Destiny, Chapeau d'Espagne, Extempore, and Clementina, winners of the One Thousand, were second in the Oaks. It is true that within the last thirteen years there has been no similarity in these results, if we except the success of Governess (after a dead heat with Gildermalet) in 1853; but it is worthy of note, in connection with the One Thousand and the Oaks, that Queen of Trumps won the Longer in 1849, Deception was second for the Derby in 1859, Sir Hugh won the Two Thousand in 1846, Cancaze ran second for the Leger in 1847, Aphrodite ditto in 1851, and Blink Bonny won the Derby in 1857. We have not added the feat of Eleanor, who, like Blink Bonny, won both the Derby and Oaks, for that was anterior to the One Thousand Guineas' Stakes being established; but we think we have adduced sufficient proof that, in most cases, whatever may alleged to the contrary, the spring running of the fillies is not so unreliable as has been so often asserted, for subsequent running invariably has endorsed the accuracy of the Newmarket form. The preceding comments, however, will be better understood by a reference to the annexed table:—

Year	1,000 Guineas. Winner.		Winner.	The Oaks. Second.
1814	Charlotte	..	Medora	Vestal
1815	Selim filly	..	Minnette	Mouse
1816	Rhoda	..	Landscape	Duchina
1817	Nafa	..	Neva	Amabel
1818	Corinne	..	Corinne	Fly
1819	Caigut	..	Shoveller	Espagnolla
1820	Rowena	..	Caroline	Rowena
1821	Zeal	..	Augusta	Ibla
1822	Whisgig	..	Fidelle	Reubens filly
1823	Zinc	..	Zinc	Dandizette
1824	Cobweb	..	Cobweb	Fille de Joie
1825	Tonline (w.o.)	..	Wings	Pastime
1826	Problem	..	Lilla	Problem
1827	Arab	..	Gulnare	Tranquillity
1828	Zoa	..	Turquoise	Ruby
1829	Mouse filly	..	Green Mantle	Varna
1830	Charlotte West	..	Arinnion	Moncho
1831	Galantine	..	Oxygen	Marmora
1832	Galata	..	Galata	Lady Fly
1833	Tarantella	..	Vesta	Octave
1834	May Day	..	Cheese	Louisa
1835	Preserve	..	Queen of Trumps	Preserve
1836	Destiny	..	Cyprian	Destiny
1837	Chapeau d'Espagne	..	Miss Letty	Chapeau d'Espagne
1838	Barcarolle	..	Industry	Callisto
1839	Cara	..	Reception	Carolina
1840	Crucifix	..	Crucifix	Welfare
1841	Polenia	..	Gauzeen	Miss Sitlton
1842	Firetrand	..	Our Nell	Meal
1843	Extempore	..	Pelisse	Extempore
1844	Sorella	..	The Princess	Heroine
1845	Pic Nic	..	Refraction	Hope
1846	Mendicant	..	Mendicant	Laundry Maid
1847	Clementina	..	Miami	Clergeonna
1848	Canezou	..	Cymba	Attraction
1849	The Fleet	..	Lady Evelyn	Lady Superior
1850	Exotic filly	..	Rhedysina	Kathleen
1851	Aphrodite	..	Iris	Miserrina
1852	Kate	..	Songstress	Bird-on-the-Wing
1853	Mentmore Lass	..	Catherine Hayes	Dove
1854	Virago	..	Mincemeat	Meteora
1855	Hibernia	..	Marchioness	Bloom Heather
1856	Manganese	..	Minerva	Melissa
1857	Imperieuse	..	Blink Bonny	Sneeze
1858	Governess	..	Governess	Gildermire (after a dead heat)
1859	Deception	..	Hermaisdale	Scent
1860	Sagitta	..	Butterfly	Avalanche
1861	Nemesis	..	Brown Duchess	Lady Ripon
1862	Hurricane	..	Feu de Joie	Imperatrice

It is a gratifying fact that the nominations for the ensuing race number no less than sixty-eight, being nineteen in excess of last year's list, and the most successful array of the series. They include:—

ALEXANDRIA, b f by Ambrose, out of Besica, nominated by Lord Exeter.

ALICE, ch f by Lord of the Isles, out of Maid of Team Valley; Mr. Templeman.

AMELIA, br f by Ambrose, out of Sultana; Lord Exeter.

ÆTNA, b f by Orlando, out of Vesuvienne; Lord Stamford.

BEATRICE, b or br f by Voltigeur, out of Bribery; Lord Allesbury.

BIRDIE, ch f by The Trapper, out of Butterfly; Mr. Alexander.

BARBATUS, br f by ——, out of Flutter; Lord Glasgow.

BONNY BELL, b f by Voltigeur, out of Queen Mary; Mr. R. D'Anson.

CURIE, b f by The Cure out of Contraction; Mr. R. Ten Broeck.

CADEAU, ch f by Gladiator d'Industrie, out of Lizzie; Lord Anglesey.

CURAÇOA, b f by The Cure, out of Tasmania; Sir R. W. Bulkeley.

CHATHAM, ch f by ——, out of the Landgravine; Mr. Gratwicke (*disqualified*).

COLONEL, b f by Charleston, out of Vexation; Sir J. Hawley.

COLUMBINE, b f by the Baron, out of Chisel; Baron Niviere.

CACHUCA, b f by Voltigeur, out of Ayacanora; Lord Portsmouth.

COURTESY, b f by Stockwell, out of Marchioness; Mr. Saxon.

CASSIDA, b f by Orlando, out of Himalaya; Lord Stamford.

DOUBLE PAS, b f by Fandango, out of Themis; Mr. R. Ten Broeck.

DUCHESS OF KINGSTON, by Kingston, out of Countess; Mr. John Day.

DAME GILLAN, b f by The Cure, out of Hag; Sir J. Hawley.

DECEPTION, ch f by Orlando, out of Tickatress; Mr. Harvey.

DEVONIENSIS, b f by Fandango, out of Ralpho's dam; Capt. Lamb.

ELSIE VENNER, b f by Alarm, out of Elspeth; Mr. W. G. Craven.

FIANCEE, b f by Stockwell, out of Alice Rose; Mr. R. C. Naylor.

FLYING FISH, b f by Newminster, out of Mainbrace; Mr. Tattersall.

FLOWER SAFETY, br f by Wild Dayrell, out of Nettle; Mr. J. H. G. Wyndham.

GOLD DUST, br f by Newminster, out of Nugget; Mr. Fleming.

GRATITUDE, b f by Newminster, out of Charity; Mr. Robinson.

HAWTHORN BLOSSOM, b f by Newminster, out of Lady Hawthorn; Mr. Eastwood.

LADY AUGUSTA, ch f by Stockwell, out of Meanee; Lord Stamford.

LADY FANNY, b f by Artillery, out of Lady Elizabeth; Mr. W. G. Craven.

LURLINE, br f by Gemma di Vergy, out of Repartee; Mr. Fleming.

LA SAVOIE, b f by Monarque, out of Flora Mac Ivor; Count F. de la Grange.

LOUISE BONNE, br f by Lambton, out of Lady Louisa; Lord St. Vincent.

LIBIE HILL, b f by Voltigeur, out of Nelly Hill; Colonel Towneley.

MAID OF ORLOV, b f by Orlando, dam of Wisania; Mr. Owen.

MOB, The, br f by Voltigeur, dam by Birdcatcher; Mr. Robinson.

NEIGHGERBY, br f by The Cure, out of Nina; Mr. R. C. Naylor.

PRESERVATION, ch f by Loup Garou, out of Postulant; Mr. Merry.

QUEEN OF THE GIPSIES, b f by Chanticleer, out of Rambling Katie; Mr. Merry.

ROLY POLY, b f by Vindex, out of Pastrycook; Sir H. des Voeux.

ROSEBUD, ch f by Warlock, out of Midsummer; Hon. S. Hawkes.

SEA NYMPH, br f by Weatherbit, out of Wish; Lord Stamford.

SISTER TO WING, br f by King Tom, out of Mentmore Lass; Baron Rothschild.

SLATTERN, br f by Voltigeur, out of Irregularity; Lord Strathmore.

SYMPHONY, b f by Orlando, out of Melody; Mr. S. Theilusson.

STELLA, b f by West Australian, out of Ellermire; Colonel Towneley.

SPITFIRE KITTY, b f by Marsyas, out of Brown Darrell; Mr. Bowes.

SOUVERAINE, b f by Monarque, out of Semiseria; Baron Niviere.

SYMETRY, br f by Gemma di Vergy, out of The Deformed; Mr. Robinson.

SISTER TO LADY RIPON, ch f by Stockwell, out of Aislable; Lord Stamford.

STOCKWELL, br f by ——, out of Mirandi; Mr. Saville.

SISTER TO MINCEPIE, ch f by Sweetmeat, out of Fionnualla; Lord Howth.

STUDENT, b f by ——, out of Hesse Homburg; Mr. Gratwicke (*disqualified*).

TOMATO, b f by Wild Dayrell, out of Midia; Mr. R. Ten Broeck.

TEASE-ME-NOT, b f by Kingston, out of Triangle; Mr. Eastwood.

TREDINGTON, ch f by ——, out of Sister to Singapore; Mr. Hargreaves.

THUMB GREEN, br f by Weatherbit, or King of Trumps, out of tipsy Queen; Mr. Jacquet.

THAIS, gr f by Chanticleer, out of Phryne; Mr. Merry.

TASSELL, ch f by The Cossack, out of Lady Lurewell; Mr. Merry.

TOUCH AND GO, br f by Touchstone, out of The Dartail; Mr. R. C. Naylor.

VOLTIGEUR, br f by ——, dam by Irish Birdcatcher; Lord Glasgow.

VILLA FRANCA, b f by Monarque, out of Miss Gladiator; Count F. de la Grange.

WATER RELPIE, ch f by Robert de Gorham, out of Lurline; M. Alexander.

WEST WIND, br f by West Australian, out of Lady Evelyn; Mr. Bowes.

WOODBIRE, b f by Stockwell, out of Honeysuckle; Mr. A. Nichols.

YELLOW DUCHESS, by Yellow Jack, dam by Ion; Mr. W. T. Collier.

YOUNG MRS GO, br f by Touchstone, out of Brown Darrell; Lord Glasgow.

Our limits this week, even if we had the inclination (and, as nearly two-thirds of the fillies entered are very indifferent animals, there is no necessity), will not permit of our discussing the merits of the various candidates *seriatim*, but we may here remark that the "dark division," or non-performers in public, comprise eighteen, viz:—

Alexandria,	Gratitude,	Spitfire Kitty,
Beatrice,	Lurline,	Symmetry,
Bonny Bell,	Maid of Orlov,	Thais,
Deception,	Mob, The,	Touch and Go,
Flutter filly,	Sister to Mincepie,	West Wind, and
Flying Fish,	Sister to Wing,	Yellow Duchess.

Of these we have received very excellent accounts anent The Mob, Sister to Mincepie, Touch and Go, and West Wind. The latter especially is said to be a mare of great promise, of whom John Scott is exceedingly fond. Sister to Wing is a very bad-tempered mare, and though Lurline occasionally evinces fair speed, she, too, is unpleasantly refractory.

As we do not intend to criticise the pretensions of the fillies we will classify them, but can only place five in the

FIRST CLASS:—

Cachuca,	Countess,	and
Cassida,	Lady Augusta,	Tornado.

The others are so "mixed up" that we hardly know how to separate them, but suppose we must place them as under for

SECOND CLASS.

Alice,	Golden Dust,	Sister to Lady Ripon,
Amelia,	Gratitude,	Sympathy,
Ætna,	Hawthorn Blossom,	Tease me Not,
Cadeau,	Mob, The,	Touch and Go,
Columbia,	Sea Nymph,	Villa France, and
Fiancee,	Sister to Mincepie,	West Wind.

CACHUCA, trained by Milton, showed much gameness in Hampshire in her two races with Tom Fool, whom she defeated quite cleverly at "the second time of asking;" and she upset a great pot on the highly-thought-of Automaton, at Goodwood, who was beaten cleverly by a neck in attempting to give her 6lb over the six furlong Ham course. She afterwards went astray, therefore it was not surprising, over so trying a course as the one at Haldon, that she suffered defeat from Golden Dust and the Gunner, who were in receipt of 6lb and 4lb respectively. Having wintered well, and coming of a good family, both Voltigeur and Orlov having distinguished themselves, she must "be there or thereabouts" for this race.

CASSIDA, trained by Joseph Dawson, vanquished Tornado (3lb more) and Fiancee by a length, on the last half of the Ari M, at the S. O. meeting, that being her only racing, herself, she is entitled to the highest respect, notwithstanding that Lord Stamford has another in the stable, who is considered to be her superior.

COUNTESS (trained privately for Mr. Saxon) has not only good blood to recommend her, being by a Leger winner, out of an Oaks victrix, but possesses speed and endurance, both of which will serve her in a smart run race for the One Thousand.

LADY AUGUSTA (trained by Joseph Dawson) from dividing Saccharometer and Blue Mantle's only racing, herself, deserves great credit, during the July carnival at head quarters, and the mean with which she won her other three engagements. Beating Nelligerry, Bohemia, Fiancee, and the Brown Bess filly, must be looked upon as the best public mare of the past season.

TOMATO (trained by Pryor) is own sister to Hurricane, who won this race last year; and though perhaps she did not prove herself to be quite so speedy as Lady Augusta, Cachuca, or Cassidia, we think she is bound to be handy with them at the finish of this encounter.

We cannot, however, and we never do, oppose public running; for it is the best, indeed the safest, guide, to follow; therefore, unhesitatingly award the honours to

LADY AUGUSTA.

In the event of there being any reason to alter our opinion as to the probable issue, we shall take an early opportunity to apprise our readers of it.

BETTING.

TATTERSALL'S.

MONDAY.—The attendance this afternoon was larger than any that has mustered at the corner since the close of the past racing season, and the betting was unusually heavy, certain animals being supported for many hundreds. It will be seen from the list of closing prices which we append, that speculation on the Derby included a very large number of horses, indeed more than have been known to be in the betting for years at this early period. Some stiff commissions were still in the market, and those gentlemen entrusted with the outlay of the money completely tired out the layers. Lord Clifden gave further indications of the immense favorite he is sure—barring accidents to become; and in the City, during the morning, he was backed for £500 at 6 to 1. On assembling at the Corner the very first offer made was to "take 1,200 to 200 three times about the favourite." Those odds could not be obtained, and backers finally accepted 6 to 1 to several hundreds of pounds; in fact, it was a moot point with many whether more than 11 to 2 could have been secured to anything like money. Saccharometer's name was barely mentioned, and it was plain that Lord Strathmore's colt was regarded as a trifle "dishy." At length 10 to 1 was offered against him, but even this increase of a point over his last quotation did not tempt his friends. Hospodar's position at the commencement of business was somewhat uncertain; but afterwards 18 to 1 was taken to £50, then to £100, and at length 12 to 1 was booked to various amounts, though those odds were scored up to the close. 20 to 1 was the opening offer against Carnival, and for some time layers declined to lay more than that price, but ultimately 22 to 1 to £50 was laid. Automaton was one of the first horses inquired after as soon as anything like a ring was formed, one of the well-known Strand commissions "firm" immediately accepting 1,000 to 45, which he booked three times, with an offer to "go on" at that price. At this point no more than 21 to 1 was offered against Lord Stamford's colt. The confederate of the owner of Tom Fool again sought to back that colt, and demanded 25 to 1; but no more than 22 to 1 could be obtained. Blue Mantle's price was almost nominal, but towards the close 1,000 to 35, or 28 to 1, was laid, the demonstration in the colt's favour last Monday having obviously somewhat cooled down. A large number of outsiders were again "put up" in the market, and concerning one or two of them some really heavy wagering took place. Bright Cloud, the nominee of a prominent member of the National Guard, and King of Utopia, John Scott's four—Early Purl, Michael Scott, The Bean, and the reputed "roarer" Melrose—were supported at 40 to 1 each, which price was booked to 1,30 about Rapid Rhone. The indefatigable "commissioner" who had backed Automaton was also eager to support another outsider, Taje, whom he had backed for a deal of money, the outlays upon this colt in the course of the afternoon being to the extent of at least £500. 50 to 1 was taken for the Australian horse, Gilles the First, to a small amount, and 5,000 to 75, or 66 to 1 about Trojanus. 1,000 to 10 was taken three times about Overstone, and the same odds about Bright Cloud. Two or three "long shots" were laid, 1,000 to 5 each being betted several times to the Stock Exchange representative about Avondale, Queen Bertha, and Bonnytane (late Moorcock). Some "lots" bets were laid during the afternoon. 20 to 1 being taken to £100 about Lord Glasgow's lot, and Mr. Saxon, after a little bye play, took 1,000 to 20 that one of his team (which includes Countess, Amazonian, Lady Superior, and Jerry), wins the Derby. The Two Thousand winner was backed at 100 to 30 about Hospodar, and 15 to 1 about Brick, the latter to a "pony," being the only bets laid. Saccharometer was friendless at offers of 4 to 1. Closing prices:

TWO THOUSAND.

100 to 30 agst Hospodar (t)	100 to 1 agst Saccharometer (off)
	15 to 1 agst Brick (t)

DERBY.

6 to 1 agst Lord Clifden (t)	50 to 1 agst	Gilles the First (t)
10 to 1 — Saccharometer (off)	55 to 1 —	c by Tadmor (t)
12 to 1 — Hospodar (t & off)	66 to 1 —	Trojanus (t)
21 to 1 — Automaton (t)	1000 to 10 —	Bright Cloud (t)
22 to 1 — Carnival (t)	1000 to 10 —	Overstone (t)
25 to 1 — Blue Mantle (t)	1000 to 10 —	Ouesander (t)
30 to 1 — National Guard (off)	1000 to 5 —	Avondale (t)
30 to 1 — King of Utopia (off)	1000 to 5 —	Queen Bertha (t)
40 to 1 — Early Purl (t)	1000 to 5 —	Bonnytane (t)
40 to 1 — Melrose (t)	450 to 200 —	The Three Favourites jointly (t)
40 to 1 — Michael Scott (t)		
40 to 1 — Rapid Rhone (t)	20 to 1 —	Lord Glasgow's lot (t)
40 to 1 — The Bean (off)	50 to 1 —	Mr. Saxon's lot (t)
50 to 1 — Taje (t)		

DEPARTURE OF SACCHAROMETER FROM NEWMARKET.—We understand that this celebrated Two Thousand and Derby favourite will leave Newmarket this day (Wednesday), for Ilsley, where his lordship has taken the stables and training-ground formerly occupied by Mr. Snewhelp. And where Carnaticus took his breathings for the Somersetshire Stakes and the Derby.

CONTANCE IN THE HUNTING FIELD.—We understand that this celebrated lightweight has been one of the leading men with Mr. George Fitzwilliam's hounds this season and has been kindly "mounted" on several occasions by that noble sportsman, the Earl of Westmoreland.

SPORTING DINNER AT OXFORD.—John B. White, Esq., well-known as a generous-hearted sportsman, entertained at dinner, at the Cross Hotel, on Thursday, the 8th inst., the following distinguished gentlemen and friends, whose acquaintance he had made during his residence there:—J. Blossom, Esq., A. Bowen, Esq., J. Ditches, Esq., G. Phipps, Esq., H. Sadlier, Esq., and J. Hopkins, Esq.—In commemoration of his having taken his degree of B.A., and leaving Oxford. Mr. White's health was proposed, and drank most enthusiastically, and all hoped that in his future career he would prove as good a parson as he had a sportsman. Mr White replied, and in his speech alluded to the absence of two of his best friends, Messrs. R. Swallow and D. East, who were prevented from accepting his invitation by unforeseen circumstances. Several facetious speeches followed, and during the evening Mr. Howell delighted the company with his recitation of "Civil John Bravo." The hilarity continued until the dawn called to the guests the oft-repeated sporting phrase—"hold hard, gentlemen," which all obeyed.

THE Newmarket Steeple-chase Meeting is fixed to take place on Wednesday and Thursday, the 18th and 19th of February, and the added money to the several stakes will probably cause the entries to be as good as any of the season. Mr. Manning will act as clerk of the course.

THE fixtures this season of the new steeple-chase meeting of Vincennes are the 29th of March and the 6th of April. On the first day, a Grand Handicap of 10,000f. will be run for, open to all horses, the entries to be made on the 12th of February, and the weights to be published a month afterwards; gentlemen riders in it to be allowed 5lb.

YOUATT WM. GRAY'S ADVICE ON THE PRINCIPAL HANDICAPS is now ready. He handed 362 winners last year. He dumfounded the season of '62 by advising Suburban for Lincoln, Blinkbonny for the Grand National, and Tim Whiffler for the Chester Cup. He concluded the season successfully by advising Rathbide for the Cambridgeshire, Balham for Worcester, and Gardener for the Liverpool event. He won Tornado, one season, £2 2s.; in the Derby, £1 1s.; in the Chesnut Cup, 10s. 6d. Address, 16, Charing-cross, London. Agents wanted for Y. W. G.'s printed circulars.

MADAME RACHEL.

(*To the Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News."*)

SIR,—Will you allow me, through the columns of your paper, to correct a mistake you have made in reply to "Grace Smith," one of your correspondents of the 10th of January, to whom you reply, in the following:—"We do not know anything about Madame Rachel. We understand that she has changed her name; would that she had, at the same time, changed her occupation." I beg leave to assure you that I have not changed my name; neither has my daughter, Mdlle. Rachel, any intention of doing so at present. By inserting this you will greatly oblige,

Yours truly,

RACHEL.

474, New Bond-street.

[The error is none of ours. A paragraph went the round of the papers to the effect that Madame Rachel had changed her name to that of one of the great characters sustained by her namesake the *tragedienne*. Our readers are now in possession of the address of the great renovator of beauty, and all we wish is, that their personal charms may be augmented by the knowledge.—ED. I. S. N.]

FIRST MEDAL.—INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.—Manufacturers of "Wotherspoon's Victoria lozenges" have been awarded a prize medal for the "purity and excellence of quality" of these highly valuable aperients, which are variously flavoured, and sold in packets at 1d., 2d., 4d., 8d., and 1s. 4d. each.

THE RING

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

THERE is absolutely nothing further of importance at this present hour of writing touching this great contest of the English prize. Conjecture still roams at large in airy space, and "mens, mens, tekel," as to the coming man remains yet as invisible as Macaulay's New Zealander in the ruins of Westminster Hall. The public appetite for calculating the chances will apparently not be appeased until the next deposit, in the first week of February.

JEM MACE AND JOE GOSS.

THE next instalment between these little celebrities, who have so long been at variance together, has to be effected on the second of the present month. The gold cup intended as a gift by Mr. Wyndham to Mace has not yet been finished by Mr. Barnes, of the Haymarket; and the subscription to the silver goblet, intended as a gift from certain sporting friends at Norwich, has likewise not been executed. We shall give all particulars in due time.

COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT TO YOUNG BROOME.

Young Broome having gotten through in his recent contest with Ike Baker, it was determined to give him a complimentary benefit at the West-end, and, under these circumstances, no more fitting *locale* in *situ* could be found on the Strand side of Temple-bar than the celebrated sporting establishment of the Messrs. Shaw, Queen's Head, Queen's Head-court, Windmill-street, Haymarket. The affair was duly organised, and the benefit came off, as arranged, under the most flattering auspices, on Wednesday evening last. Indeed, the quarters room were crowded with many leading patrons of the good old pastimes of merry England, and fully demonstrated how much may be effected with influential individuals, whenever you obtain respectable caterers to provide, and a first-class entertainment as a right pleasant repast. Now, as regards those who were afflicted to pass sixpence for this special occasion, no *entree* was afforded to the boxing school without the magic pass-check from the Cerberus below stairs; the Shaws, paterfamilias and son William, were in active attendance on the "upper tier," and civil Young Baldock appeared within the coloured cords as M. C. doing the honors in a very gentlemanly manner. Soon after nine o'clock, when the room was almost unpleasantly thronged, the ball was opened by Jerry Hawkes and Young Clarke, a frequenter of Nat Langham's. The latter was bad upon his poor feet, and proved a regular chopping block for Hawkes, who often light weighted the latter on this occasion, to Jem and Pickett (2). Two Queen's Head novices. The latter suffered defeat at the hands of Collins. For mere neophytes they exhibited well. Jem Mace's Wolf, who received forfeit from Blood Donovan, then had three hundred bouts with Jack Callaghan, one of the Mitre group; and who, for an old 'un (35), has the handy use of his digits. Lupus was both stronger and heavier, and had the finish a shade in his favour, although nothing of account. The West-ender said he was willing to make a match at 1os 4lb, but the Eastern dandy declined such weight for £25 or £50 a side, but the Lupus proposed a compromise and suit Callaghan. Plantagenet Green and the Brighton Doctor were next introduced into the arena. The former displayed all his best points as with Jem Hill, of Chelsea, and stood longest in the reach. The son of Africa, however, was a sturdy opponent, and a regular rumbling meeting ensued—the latter by no means disgracing his colour. So good was deemed the spar, that they were unanimously called again for an additional bout, and the *encore* was granted. Doye, who is matched to fight Lord Lyon, will be seen elsewhere in our columns, gave us some good two-handed deliveries with young Napper, but it was a pretty box notwithstanding. Young Welsh and Furze, one of Billy Duncan's "helps," as the Yankees would say, gave Dan's brother, as we understand, and little McGrath! they showed fair qualifications for youngsters. Mike Cochlin and Lennard, old opponents, fought their battle over again with a like result. Patsey Reardon's benefit was here announced for Monday next, at the Rotunda, Blackfriars-road. Almost immediately after, Baldock announced the arrival of Tom King, who was received with much enthusiasm. Billy Hawkes and Jack Drewe, who is engaged to meet Young Dutch Sam, next put on the mittens, and while the former certainly did his best, Drewe had a manifest advantage. "Let on," said a voice at Hawkes' shoy. "Ah," exclaimed Hawkes, doubtless on Mrs. Glasse's philosophical advice of catching your hare before you cook it, "Ah, but I've got to get there before I get on"—a remark which excited much humour. Hunter and Underidge, a brace of Cabs, were replaced on the stage by Cabby Gregory, a guardsman. They hustled and hustled each other to their heart's content, Callaghan bearing up as game as a Trojan against the far heavier antagonist, who proved a *la* Bendigo, and slung out both mauleys as cockieweed as if he intended to outvie the strength and dodge of Sawyer, the Life-Guardsman, either at the Five's Court, in the olden time, or with the French Cuirassiers on the memorable plains of Waterloo. Young William Shaw and Baldock then made as fine and scientific a display of the art of self-defence as any amateurs could and deserved applause. We regret that they were, with the general company, annoyed by the most unseemly interruption, and for which there was not the most remote cause. Stebbings, of Westminster, and the brighton Doctor next exhibited a taste of their quality, but the latter's "kidding" was well undeposed. Tom King and Young Broome then appeared for the wind-up, the Ajax from Limehouse gaining rounds of applause with his compatriot as they appeared, and had two short rounds. King's great improvement in the science of pugilism was here again apparent to all, and it reflects much credit upon him for adding his old companion in arms. The return-thanks was given, and the entertainment, which was high-class and well-conducted, then closed.

ALEC. KEENE AND JERRY NOON ON THE CONTINENT.

A PRIVATE letter from the former gentleman announces that the pair arrived at Hamburgh by the John Bull steamer, from St. Katherine's wharf, on Saturday, and that they were immediately about to proceed to Berlin *viâ* Leipsic. We trust, for the public, to be able, in addition, to notify their safe arrival at the capital of Prussia, where they are specially engaged at the Imperial Circus (Mr. Carree's) to illustrate British boxing.

PETER CRAWLEY.

ORIGINALLY DESIGNATED IN THE P.R AS "YOUNG RUMP STEAK."—Our hero's first introduction to the fancy was in a trial set-to with Mr. Thomas Watson, at the late George Head's rooms, in East Harding-street, Gough-square, on Wednesday, February 11th, 1818. This combat proved so satisfactory to all his friends by the science and straight-hitting displayed by Peter, that he was promoted upon the spot to a "shy" in the ring. The sound, in the ecstasy of the moment, the sire of Crawley exclaimed, "My boy bids fair to become the Champion of England!" But, before we proceed to give an account of his grand chimacteric in the milling world, we shall introduce to the notice of the amateurs the capabilities he manifested as a boxer during his boyhood, and his successful exploits in skirmishes and "turn-ups" with men of almost twice his weight, strength, and years.

Peter was born at the residence of his father, on Newington-green, on the 5th of December, 1799, and was, at the proper period of life, initiated into the business of his father, who was one of the "cutting-up" tribe. Young Peter soon discovered a *penchant* for milling amongst the "Boys of the Cleaver," in Clare-market; and he was called upon to act as a second when little more than fourteen years of age, by the Longdale, a kill belonging to the above market. In the course of the battle, words ensued between the seconds, and blows followed. Hurst, a big blacksmith, "pitched into" Peter, before he could get his coat off, and while his arms were confined in the sleeves. But the instant our hero disengaged himself from the coat, he commenced with such of pepper, in the course of three rounds, that he was glad to cut it, and acknowledge Crawley his master.

George Coleman, also of Clare-market, had a turn-up with Peter, in consequence of a dispute relative to a battle between two cocks. Some rounds occurred between them, when their respective friends interfered, and the parties retired from the scene of action, without any decision obtained upon the subject.

Charles Bennet, a man of superior weight and age, like wise of Clare-market, a dog fancier, had a shy with Peter for upwards of a quarter of an hour. Crawley was sadly disappointed in this contest, and deprived of his laurels, by the interference of the master of Bennet.

Peter had now become an object of attraction in the milling line in Clare-market, and he was being envied by the "kill-bull" fraternity. Tom Price, of the same place, had a trifling dispute with Peter about cocking, and threatened to serve out our hero without delay. "Come along," said Peter, "I'll do it well for you at the price; in fact, I will give you a prime thrashing, and no charge you one farthing for my trouble." This contemptuous mode of treating Price's boxing requisites made the latter angry, and he peeled, "eager for the fray." In the course of twenty minutes Price declared he would not fight any longer without; Peter would allow him time to get his wind, and he would, in the mean time, Crawley and Price immediately took a short walk, as his second termed it, to get a little air; but Tom never returned to finish the battle, leaving Peter master of the ground.

Brawley changed his place of residence, and Bloomsbury-market now became the scene of his exploits. The Bloomsbury boys had quarrelled with the lads of the Cow-yard, in Drury-lane; and a strong muster on both sides of the question met in battle array, to decide the dispute. The pals of Crawley became panic-struck, bolted, and left Peter in the lurch. Harry Buckstone, the lad of the Cow-yard party, pitched into Peter, and, in lieu of a gentleman-like man who was passing by at the time, in all probability Crawley must have been soundly drubbed by the whole of the squad. The gentleman alluded to offered his services as a second to Peter, in order to have fair play. Crawley now set to so hard and fast with Buckstone, punishing him in all directions, that the latter took to his heels and bolted, followed by all of his mob, the spectators laughing at the circumstance, and Peter receiving the applause of the spectators.

The next customer that came in the way of Peter was Tim McCarthy, in the Long fields. The late Jack Randy witnessed this battle. The match was regularly made for five bob a side, and contested on both sides with as much spirit as if it had been for £600. In the course of twenty minutes poor Pat was done over.

During a visit to Bermondsey, Peter was abused by a saucy waterman of the name of Tom Tyler, who had flattered himself that, in consequence of a skirmish with Deaf Davis, he could fight a "tiny bit;" but he was most egregiously disappointed in standing before Crawley. One punch from Peter, perhaps not altogether unlike the kick of a horse, so alarmed and satisfied Tyler, that he would not fight any more. This ludicrous circumstance took place opposite the Green Man, in the Kent-road.

Peter had scarcely passed over his eighteenth year, when he had an accidental turn-up with a strong carman, aged twelve stone and a-half, and about twenty-five years of age, belonging to Shirley, the distiller. Peter was driving his father's cart, in order to collect skins, when he was met in Warwick-lane by the above carman, who would not give way, although on the wrong side of the road. Crawley remonstrated with the carman on the impropriety of his conduct; but the "Knight of the Whip" threatened to horsewhip Peter for his impudence. "Stop a bit," says Crawley, "two can play at that fun: therefore I advise you to be cautious, and be careful that I do not give you a trouble of you." Shirley's carman was well weight twelve stone and a-half, and a strong fellow, he was hit all to pieces, and, in the course of half an hour, so severely punished by the heavy blows of Peter, as not to be able to keep his pins. He was carried quite helpless into the distillery of his master, and, notwithstanding every care was taken of him, some little time elapsed before he resumed his daily occupation. So much for the decisive handiwork of Peter.

Crawley accidentally went in one evening to the King's Head, in Cow Heel-lane, to drink, and, in Whitecross-street, to treat an acquaintance with something to drink, alley, in Whitecross-street, to treat an acquaintance with something to drink, when he was rudely accosted by some Irishmen, and otherwise roughly treated, when Peter begged of the "Greeians" not to interfere with his company, when Peter begged of the "Greeians" not to interfere with his company, when words arose between them. A row commenced, when Peter and his pal, Oliver (not Tom), disposed of several of the hod-men in succession; and ultimately cleared the whole room of all the "Patlanders;" but not until one of them had made use of the fire-shovel belonging to the hearth to crack Peter's skull, and let out the claret. The "Charleys" were brought in to take Peter and his friend to the watch-house; but the landlord behayed like a trump, and the friend to the watch-house; but the landlord behayed like a trump, and the friend in planted Crawley in his bar until the search was over, when Peter departed in safety.

Owing to some trifling dispute between Crawley and an athletic brewer's servant in Whitecross-street, a turn-up was the result; but, in the course of four rounds, the big drayman was glad to acknowledge he had received too much.

One Paddy Flanagan, an Irishman, full of pluck, and not less than six feet in height, much heavier than Peter, and also the advantage of ten years in age, had a turn-up with Crawley. Flanagan purchased a loin of pork in Whitecross-street, Peter's father, during this trade of Saturday, and, in a short time, returned to the loin with his friend, who went away; but in a short time he returned with the pork, and, as he had cut off the sly two of the ribs of the loin, and insisted they had deceived him with short weight. Of course this insinuation produced a row and great confusion in the shop, and Peter, at the request of his father, endeavoured to turn out Flanagan. Paddy showed fight, and for a father, endeavoured to turn out Flanagan. Paddy showed fight, and for a time the affair was a strong troublesome customer on the stones. Peter was thrown flat on his back into the kennel full of water, and by his fall renovated completely wet through at the skin, and almost choked by the tight grasp of his antagonist round his throat. Crawley, however, soon took the lead, and his antagonist yielded to Paddy Flanagan so completely that at the end of half an hour he resigned the contest in favour of Peter. But Flanagan had recovered his strong arm of the law before the magistrate at Worship-street police-office, complaining of the unmerciful treatment he had experienced at the hands of Crawley; indeed, "his face bespoke a heart full sore." Arrested by the officer, was despatched to execute the warrant, but the father of Peter, who was a strong troublesome customer on the stones, Peter was Peter made it all right, at the expense of two pounds. Peter Crawley, from the striking abilities displayed by Peter over the powerful Flanagan, entertained, and in opinion, for the first time, that "his boy" would stand a good chance, in due time, with the best pugilists in the P.R.

About three weeks after the above row, Peter was standing, during the evening, at the corner of Redcross-street, when three Patlanders of the same squad rudely assailed him, and nearly pushed Peter off his balance. Remonstrance was in vain, but Crawley said to them, "Do not attack me altogether—only stand in a line, and I will lick you one after another." This speech had the desired effect; they all pitched into Peter at once; but he soon floored two of them, and the third bolted, without waiting for a taste of Crawley's quality.

(To be continued.)

PATSY REARDON AND SHOCKER SHIP.—Mr. Lewis, host of the Greenwich Pensioner Bow-lane, Poplar, informs us that he received £5 a side from these rival boxers on Wednesday last.

SIMON AND JOE AND YOUNG HARTLEY.—The final instalment of £2 10s. a side between these game little fellows was duly handed in on Wednesday night, at Mr. Squire's, the Man in the Moon, Colchester-street, Whitechapel. Simon has won the toss for choice of weighing, and selected Mr. Jones's, Queen Victoria, Middle-street, Cloth-fair, Smithfield. Of course, they go to scale between 12 and 2 o'clock on the day of fighting; the required impost is not to exceed 7st 13lb. Both are reported well at our present time of writing.

TOM GOODARD AND DAN DUFFERSAN.—The match a further instalment in forfeit of £2 was duly handed in Wednesday evening next.

YOUNG DUTCH SAM AND DREWE.—Mr. Wm. Ward, of the Ironfounders' Arms, Coldbath, Greenwich, received £5 from these men on Wednesday.

J. CONNELLY AND J. TYSON.—These Harrow-road notorieties are banking up regular in their catch-weight affair. Forward, Art, the Harrow, Greyhound, Webber-row, Waterloo-road, received 20s. a side from the parties on Wednesday last.

YOUNG LEAD AND DOVE.—Lead's cash is all piled; Dove has to produce another 50s ea the final deposit by Friday next.

YOUNG WELSH (of Birmingham) AND O'ROURKE.—These lads signed articles to fight at 8st 4lb, for £10 a side, on Tuesday last, when they increased their preliminary deposit, at Mr. Abraham's, Barley Mow, Cromer-street, Gray's-inn road.

WHITE AND WATTS.—In this case the usual weekly deposit was handed in yesterday.

GEORGE HENLEY AND YOUNG LYNCH.—All the money in this spirited little match is down; but the men will not perform for some time to come, in order to avoid the watchful eyes of the police. Jemmy Welsh, Griffin Stores, Church-street, Borough; Dan Collins, Bricklayer's Arms, Webb-street, Bermondsey; and Jesse Hatton's, Champion Stores, Homer-street, Paddington.

PATERSON AND THE DEVIL CUT TO ZIZ AGAIN.—On Tuesday evening Ike Baker, who was compelled to succumb, per fat of referee, to young Broome, in their second fight, took a benefit at the City Music Hall, Beech-street, Barbican, and, considering the highly adverse nature of the weather, was very well supported, as was anticipated. The sparring was good, and the evening's entertainment concluded by the presentation of a handsome silver cup to Ike Baker by Mr. Harry Brunton, the host of the Green Dragon, and the gift was duly acknowledged by the countryman. Jem Mace and Patsy Reardon were present, but did not spar. Young Broome did not appear.

PATSY REARDON'S BELT.—The subscriptions to this belt are rapidly flowing in to Mr. W. Ward, of the Ironfounder's Arms, Coldbath, Greenwich, and as the object is a deserving one we again recommend it to the earnest notice of those sporting admirers who glory in seeing a British boxer appear in the proper form. The Rotunda is the place selected as to its likely presentation; perhaps that is rather too premature—but will announce it, if made known to us, as specedily as to other sporting journals.

GRAND COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT TO PATSY REARDON.—This undaunted middleweight respectfully solicits the suffrages of his patrons and friends on Monday evening. The gallant style in which the West Bandon hero showed fight for gold Ireland in his recent contests with Bob Travers and Jem Dillon has now so established his reputation as a leading pugilistic practitioner, that he must have a big house to do him justice on the occasion. The entire management has been confided to a committee of gentlemen, who assure us that this will be a veritable model benefit, and the utmost comfort is ensured to all. It should be remembered that this takes place at the Rotunda, Blackfriars-road, as stated, on Monday next. The following members of the P. R. have promised their assistance:—Nat Langham, Harry Orme; Tom Paddock, Young Broome; Joe Goss, Ike Baker; Job Cobley, Bob Travers; Baldock, Brighton Doctor; Gollagher, Young Dutch Sam; George Crockett, Bill Dillon.

THE LAST FIGHT BETWEEN ANDY GODFREY AND RAWLINS.—The stakes in the recent encounter between these well-known Yorkshire boxers has now been despatched to Godfrey, the winner, at The Sportsman, Lambton Arms Road, Hull. Rawlins took a benefit at Mr. Brown's, the Leeds Arms, High-street, Hull, on Monday, when he was tolerably well patronised, and was assisted in the wind-up by Charley Ball.

HARRY BURGESS AND TOPPER BROWN.—This important Liverpool tournament is regarded with increased interest, as the men are drawing nigh. A further deposit is due on to the final stakeholder for this week, and a like amount is to be staked on Thursday next. Burgess wishes his patrons to hand in their share of the battle-money as speedily as possible, at the St. John's Fish Market, Liverpool; and Brown asks his friends to do the same. Our friends, at the Sebastian Vaults, Naylor-street, Vauxhall-road, Liverpool, will the men forward their photographs immediately, for illustration in our paper containing an account of the fight?

A FRESH MATCH AT DEWSBURY.—Young Curley and Ned Carney have posted money for a match at 9st 7lb, for £10 a side, on the 24th of February.

BOYLE AND TURNER.—This Hull match is progressing satisfactorily, an additional sov a side having been deposited at Mr. Brown's, Leed's Arms, High-street, on Tuesday evening; £1 a side more is due on Tuesday next.

To the friends of this young and aspirant to pugilistic fame, who fought so game a battle with Jenkins, intend giving him a complimentary benefit at the drum of Mr. J. Clarke, Haughton-Abbey, Hauthornstreet, on Monday evening next, the 19th instant. A whole hoist of well-provided Monday evening next, the 19th instant. A whole hoist of well-provided suppings have been prepared, and they are sure to be well attended. We hope that Hacking, who is a very unassuming and quiet young man, will receive a substantial proof of esteem from the sporting fraternity of Liverpool. Master of the ceremonies, the veteran, Jem Corbett.

POSH PRICE AND J. PARKINSON are matched to fight at catch-weight, for £10 a side. The whole of the money is posted. They fight on Tuesday week next.

ROGERSON AND CHANDLER.—We have received a report of a fight in Yorkshire, from a party who signs himself "J. Bullock." We have every reason to believe the affair is nothing but a gag, having been imposed upon from the same quarter before. We have placed the whole affair in the hands of the police of the district, and trust to be enabled both to trace and trounce the impostors before long.

BARBER AND LONGMORE (DAMPER).—All right in this black-country affair. The final instalment has to be left with Mr. J. Holden, Town End Bank Tavern, Walsall, on the 24th of the current month.

HICKIN AND NICK THE GRECIAN.—These lads having determined to draw stakes, the due share for Hickin has been transmitted to Mr. Savage, Old Boat, Bristol-street, Wolverhampton; and Mickey's to Mr. J. Bennett's, Queen's Inn, Stafford-street, also in Wolverhampton.

LOMAS AND KELLY.—These north-country men have now staked the whole of their money, the final deposit being duly made on Wednesday. Can any of our Manchester or Bradford friends recommend us anyone to send us a full and detailed account of this fight?

THE RECENT SALE OF JEM MACE'S CIRCUS.—In our last we inserted a few lines from a Bradford correspondent to the effect that Jem Myers purchased the most valuable effects at this sale. We are requested by Mr. Montague (Jem Mace's agent) to contradict this statement, and to add that Mace will reappear, with great additions to his mammoth circus, in the spring.

ARRAY OF PUGILISTIC TALENT IN IRELAND.—Nat Langham, Jem Dillon, Bob Weeb, &c, accompanied by Mr. Harry Montagues (who was formerly Jem Mace's secretary), visited Mr. James Woodroffe's, Cambridge Arms Hotel, Island Bridge, Dublin, on Wednesday. This day (Saturday) and on Monday they illustrate the art of self-defence at Hughes's, Circular Marketyard, Cork, and return to Dublin to perform at Mr. Harry Montague's calisthenic entertainment at the Pillar Room, Rotunda, on Tuesday night, in conjunction with the Brothers Henri. Mr. Harry Montague's portrait is given in this week's impression.

PAT DUFFEY, in reply to Patsey McKew's challenge, cannot fight him at 8st, McKew well knowing that his fighting weight is 7st 8lb only. He will, however, meet him half-way, and fight him at 7st 10lb, for the paltry sum of £10 or £20 a side. A match can be made at King's, Prince of Wales, Great King-street, Hockley, Birmingham.

JACK FOX, of Birmingham, is matched to fight Carpenter, of Coventry (lately defeated by Rowe, of that place), at catch weight, for £20 a side. More in our next.

EXTRA PEDESTRIANISM.

MORE RACING AT HACKNEY WICK.

WEDNESDAY.—THE FIFTY POUND MATCH BETWEEN W. HIGHLANDS, THE WEREWOLF, AND TOM WOOD (JEMMY), OF BRIXTON.—In this we saw quite a sporting attendance at Mr. Baum's well-known racing enclosure on the above afternoon, in order to witness the race between the above-named parties. It will be recollected that the original engagement between these celebrated competitors was for them to contend together on a turnpike road, near Brighton, in the course of last week; but, from causes which it is now not necessary to explain, the match was forthwith adjourned, and subsequently they agreed to bring the affair off at the above-mentioned establishment on Wednesday. Much, the Brighton man, was the favorite with the crowd, as the gallant Teddy M'Ills could not give three hundred and fifty yards start in five miles, over this same ground on the twenty-ninth of December. On the present occasion Marsh received twenty yards start. It was quite clear to behold the men, apparently on the ground, that Highlands had been neglecting himself, while Richards, although a little bit wiredrawn for his bulk, was still in excellent condition. Seven times the distance had to be traversed for the mile. A good deal of money was laid out at 5 to 4 on the Wolfman. Soon after four o'clock the signal was given, and the men bolted off together. The issue is told in a few words. Richards ran nearly up to his man in the fourth round, and in the fifth it was all over. Marsh was evidently distressed, and seeing he had no chance, gave in. Richards, consequently, won with easy, accomplishing the distance in four minutes, forty-five seconds.

BOB TYLER AND THE BRIGHTON HUNCHBACK.—These parties ran eighty yards for a small stake; and the race was won easily by the former.

EXTRA HUNTING.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IN THE HUNTING FIELD.

WEDNESDAY was quite a red-letter day with the West Norfolk foxhounds, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales having honoured the meet with his presence, and, in order to pay becoming respect to his royal highness, the pigskin master of the hounds found himself surrounded by the largest and most aristocratic field ever known in the district. The meet was fixed on a pretty piece of rising pasture land, directly adjoining Snettisham, and belonging to Captain Campbell, and from an early hour the country people were busy in making preparations to give some evidences of their loyalty. Flags were fluttering in the breeze in various parts of the village, and a triumphal arch was made at the entrance to the Hall, with the words "Welcome Prince" suspended from its top in some drapery. There could not be less than two thousand people present to get a glimpse at the Prince and to welcome him to the hunting field. His Royal Highness arrived at about half-past eleven, and, bowing to the assembled crowd, the village he mounted his horse, a very fine hunter, and accompanied by Captain Grey, he rode to the place of meet. The demeanour of the assemblage was most becoming. There were no boisterous expressions of loyalty, but heads were uncovered by all the immense throng, while his Royal Highness graciously acknowledged by lifting his hat and repeatedly returning the salutes of those present. After the usual courtesies had been exchanged between the Prince and the *dite* of Norfolk who were present, the huntsmen proceeded to draw Chase Hill covert, of most extensive proportions, but there was no response. Some hours elapsed before Master Reynard broke cover and the welcome cry "Hark forward!" of the master was heard. No sooner were these glad words heard than the whole field (which consisted of nobles, and 500 mounts) were away, and after a brilliant run of about eight miles, which was accomplished in 50min, the fox (who had been of considerable trouble on previous occasions) was splendidly killed in a hollow near Snettisham Red Barn. His Royal Highness rode well to the hounds, and was up at the kill, when Mr. Villebois presented his Royal Highness with the brush, which was graciously accepted by the Prince.

RABBIT COURSING.

SHEFFIELD.

CREMORNE GARDENS.—On Monday a rabbit coursing sweepstakes was run for at the above gardens. The event was under the superintendence of Mr. Joseph Barber; Pinfold-street, who gave £2 10s to be competed for by dogs 18in high. Entrance, 2s. 6d. each. The rabbits were allowed 50 yds law. First prize, £2 2s. 6d.; second, 12s. 6d.; and the third, 5s. Thompson's Fly, was the first prize, Barker's Daisy the second, and Smith's Spark the third.

NEWHALL.—Mr. J. Bailey, Pinfold, Fold-street, gave £2 to run for on Monday, at the above grounds, by dogs of all sizes. Entrance, 3s.; dogs not exceeding 17in, 2s. First prize, £3; second, 10s.; and the third, 5s. Rabbits allowed 50 yds law.

MANCHESTER.

CITY GROUNDS.—About 200 persons met at these grounds on Saturday last, to witness a public coursing sweepstakes: prizes offered £2, for which twenty-four dogs competed, the first prize being won by R. Shaw's Polly, of Ashton.

BUSTLE AND FLY.—Mr. Holden has £10 a side for the match between T. Topping's Bustle, and J. Underwood's Fly, to run the best of three ties on Monday for £10 a side, at the City Grounds, Manchester, on January 26th. Mr. Holden to appoint the referee.

BESS AND FAN.—On Monday last there was a fair muster at these grounds to witness a match between J. Brian's fan and Thomas Hallam's Bess, both of Longton, the best of three ties, for £10 a side. Bess won easy, having caught eight while Fan only secured one.

GIP AND FAN, AT GORTON.—Mr. Holden now has the whole of the stakes, £12 10s, a side, for the match between J. Hibbert's Gip, of Droylsden, and Mr. Allsop's Fan, of Gorton, to run the best of twenty ties, this day (Saturday), at the Bull's Head, Gorton. Mr. Holden to appoint the referee.

WRESTLING.

CLAYTON AND CLEGG.—Mr. John Pearson, of Rochdale, now holds £3 a side for the £6 a side match between George Clayton, of Rochdale, and James Clegg, of Milnrow, near that town, which is to come off at the Higginshaw Grounds, Oldham, on Jan. 31; to be made into £8 on Jan 24.

CITY GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.—Sporting Joe Holden now has 25s a side for a match between A. Southern, of Duckinfield, and Henry Cranch, of Bury, to wrestle the best of three back falls, for £10 a side, at these grounds, on February 7th, neither man to exceed 6 score st. A similar deposit is due on Monday, January 26th. Mr. Holden to name the referee.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.—Mr. Hayes has now £5 a side for this match, which takes place at the Copenhagen Grounds, Manchester, on January 31st, for £20 a side. Mr. Hayes to be referee.

LOWE AND SCHOFIELD.—The match between E. Lowe, of Newchurch, and T. Schofield, of Ashton, takes place this day (Saturday) at the Copenhagen Grounds, Manchester. Mr. Hayes to be referee.

CITY FINANCIAL AGENCY.—Bills discounted, advances made, and mortgages negociated with privacy and despatch. Parties having money to invest may always find good securities on application to Messrs. Rayner and Co., Bill Brokers, 18, Bucklersbury, E.C.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—VIGOROUS HEALTH.—All diseases affecting the nervous system arise from impurities in the blood, or vitiated sanguine. Holloway's Pills are invaluable to correct the vitiated elements from the body, and are famed for curing indigestion, flatulency and costiveness, as well as palpitation, pain in the side, and other morbid feelings. The neuralgic pains attendant on the nervous class of diseases soon yield to these powerful purifiers; the sensations of anxiety and alarm daily experienced under their use, and sound sleep instead of watching, and calm repose displaces hideous dreams. Holloway's Pills are the best correctives of impaired appetite and disagreeable tastes; in the mouth, they soon clean the furred tongue, augment the appetite, and invigorate both the stomach and bowels.

Throughout the whole of the Metropolis, and the extent of the United Kingdom, are to be found thousands of persons who have seen and used Joshua Rogers's Prize Medal Razor Strop. Of Water Colours, there never was used Joshua Rogers's Prize Medal Razor Strop. Of Water Colours, there never was a more complete success than this. Those who have not yet seen it, have not yet seen the greatest curiosity in connection with the Fine Arts. How the manufacturer, Joshua Rogers, of 18, Pavement, Finsbury Square (from 189, Bunhill Row), London, produces the box and its contents for 1s. is a mystery, as for that small sum he offers to the public a mahogany box, ten beautiful water-colours, three camel-hair brushes, &c., which, considering their superfine quality, form such a shilling's-worth that all attempts at competition have been miserable failures.

CRICKET.

THE CRICKET SEASON OF 1862.

(Written expressly for the Illustrated Sporting News)

IN our last article we "pollshed off" the doings of the county of Nottingham, and we this week continue with those of Yorkshire, which, in future time, will, we doubt not, become as famous for its cricket as it now is for its racing. Yorkshire, England's biggest and broadest county, has many players and talent to choose from, and we believe that with an eleven like the following she would be able to cope with credit against either Surrey or Nottingham's crack team. These are the men we should choose:—First and foremost, that brilliant "bat," George Anderson, E. Stephenson, Roger Iddison, Rowbotham, Slinn, Hodgson, Atkinson, Mr. R. Wand, Caleb Robinson, John Berry, and Bromhill. There's a team for you, "strong, able, and willing!"—four slashing bowlers—Atkinson, Slinn, Hodgson, and Robinson; four good "bats"—Anderson, Iddison, Rowbotham, and E. Stephenson; several fine wicket-keepers, and all brilliant "fields." Cricket has, of late years, become extremely popular in this county. Travel where you will you will always find the game alive, and the youngsters enter into it with a gusto perfectly delightful and refreshing to behold. Yorkshire deserves to be the crack county of England, and she is breeding on her broad bosom the stuff to make her such. In a few years it will not surprise us to see her usurp the positions now occupied by the counties of Nottingham and Surrey respectively.

Like Nottingham, Yorkshire played four county matches last season, two of which they won and two they lost. The first was with Surrey, on the Oval Ground, on the 26th, 27th, and 28th of May, the following being the eleven:—G. Anderson, Mr. W. Prest, Atkinson, John Berry, Iddison, Hodgson, Halton, Slinn, E. Stephenson, Daykin, and Rowbotham—the two last-named being "colts." The toss was won by Surrey, who, of course, took to the wickets, Slinn and Hodson being put on to bowl such was their pace and precision, that four brilliant Surrey bats, Cæsar, Mortlock, Griffiths, and "tiny" Sewell were disposed of for 17 runs, and 90 more unhoused the whole lot, Hodgson being relieved towards the termination of the innings by that beautiful bowler, Atkinson, who was mainly instrumental in getting rid of the three Cambridge cracks, Hayward, Carpenter, and Tarrant, in the last great single wicket match at Stockton, and capitally during the remainder of the innings did he bowl. Yorkshire went in, and played a fine innings of 145, 42 of which Roger Iddison scored, and George Anderson 24, very gaudily played both. John Berry and the "colt," Rowbotham, followed with 16 each; Atkinson, 13; and Halton, 11. Surrey's next innings finished for 117, leaving their opponents only 8 to win, which they ought to have done, but, unfortunately for them, they did not. The only double figure obtained was by Anderson—12, all the rest falling for 32, making a total of 44, thus losing the match by 36—greatly to the chagrin of the layers of odds, no less than 5 to 1 being put on them.

Yorkshire v. Kent was the next match, played at Bramhall-lane, Sheffield, on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of June, and was very numerously and fashionably attended. The Yorkshire eleven was the same as in the Surrey tournay, with the exception that Thomas Robinson played for the "colt," Daykin. The toss was won by the "out" county, who, of course, went in first. Slinn and Hodgson were put on to bowl, and soon found the way to the whole of their opponents' wickets, 60 being the total, not one—even one—getting into doubles. Yorkshire went in, and finished their "little go" for 82, George Anderson obtaining 23; Halton taking out his bat for 19; John Berry also played prettily for 13. Kent, in their second innings, "ran up" 133, leaving their opponents 112 to win. Halton, Robinson, Berry, and Anderson were disposed of very quickly, and the chances of the game appeared much in favour of Kent. Stephenson and Rowbotham, however, came to the rescue, played carefully and well—the latter especially—and, with the assistance of Mr. W. Prest, Atkinson, and old Isaac Hodgson—who made eleven—the Yorkshiremen eventually pulled off the game, with two wickets to go down.

The third match played by Yorkshire was the return with Surrey, on the Bramhall-lane Ground, Sheffield, on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of June, and it ended in a win for the home county. In this match Halton, Atkinson, and Robinson were the outstanders, Mr. B. Wand, Brownhill, and Thewlis taking their places. This time Yorkshire won the toss, and, rather strange to say, put the Surrey men in first, the score reaching 164. Yorkshire finished their innings for 92, Caffyn's bowling playing the very deuce with them. Anderson scored a splendid 36; Rowbotham, 13; and Mr. B. Wand a useful 10, for which he carried out his bat. Some rare bowling by Slinn, backed up by trimming fielding, terminated Surrey's second "little go" for 65 runs, 138 being left for the Yorkshiremen to bring the match off. Careful playing, and in some instances brilliant batting, by Mr. Wand, 33—Iddison, 32—Stephenson, 11—and George Anderson, 39 (not out), "knocked off" the whole of the runs, and Yorkshire, therefore, won with three wickets to fall.

The last match played by Yorkshire was the return with Kent, on a billiard-like wicket, at Cranbrook, Kent, on the 24th, 25th, and 26th of July, and it was eventually won, after a fine struggle, by the home county, by 13 runs. Mr. B. Wand, unfortunately for the Yorkshiremen, could not play in this match, a "colt" named Cuttell taking his place. Kent's first innings finished for 61, Hodgson and Slinn, as usual, bowling trimmingly. Yorkshire scored 87, of which Anderson played gaudily for 28, and the colt, Thewlis, nicely for 10. Kent's second innings reached 153, leaving the "out" county 127 in a minority, which, notwithstanding a fierce struggle, they were unable to obtain, the whole of the wickets falling for 113. Iddison, with 33, was top-sawyer; Anderson played finely for 30, and John Berry 21; Kent winning the game by 13 runs only.

From the above details of Yorkshire's county doings it will be seen that of four matches they were successful in a brace and defeated in a brace. In these four matches they lost 78 wickets, and scored 816 runs. This gives them an average per wicket of about 11 runs, which is highly creditable to them. George Anderson is top scorer, his average being 27 and 1 over; Roger Iddison comes next with 17 and 1 over; Rowbotham, 14 and 5 over; W. Halton (two matches), 10 and 1 over; and J. Berry, 9 and 4 over. Then follow Stephenson, Hodgson, Atkinson, Thewlis, Mr. W. Prest, Slinn, and Brownhill, in the order named. The most successful bowlers are Slinn, Hodgson, and Atkinson, the former bowling no less than 40 wickets; Hodgson, 23; and Atkinson, 7 (Atkinson bowled in two matches only). We consider in Slinn Yorkshire possesses the crack bowler of England, not even excepting Jackson and Willsher. He is always on the spot, and his pace is described as being positively terrific. Hodgson, too, is a rare old bowler, and "licks" many of the younger hands "into fits;" and Atkinson fights an uphill battle as bravely as it is possible for a man to do. Next season promises to be a capital one for the racing shire, and while it can hardly be expected that they can turn out another Marquis in the face of such clippers as Lord Clifden, Hospodar, *et cetera*, although Early Purl may prove a *parlet*, yet it is not too much to hope that they may prove as successful with the bat as they did in '62.

CRICKETER.

(To be continued.)

HUNTING.

EXTRAORDINARY RUN WITH MR. DENNIS'S HOUNDS.

(From our Limerick Correspondent.)

THE meet on Tuesday, Jan. 6, was at Gallagh, and before half the field dreamt of such a thing the somewhat discordant notes of Meehan, posted *perdue* at the extreme point of the cover, came down upon the breeze shrilly and harshly. After some delay the hounds were got out of cover, lifted to the scent, and, setting to their fox, went away full cry for Bermingham. Right beneath the Kennel they sheered off to the left, and turned into Sheepwalk, then wheeling into the wind pointed to the chapel of Cortoon, and crossing the road pointed for Caranirilly right athwart the Rocky Vales, the low lying marshes, the intervening valleys, the stunted brushwood, and the intricate network of stone walls to Hazlewood, leaving Ryehill a little to the right. Through the former they passed into Jackson's farm, where the fences are all "Galway ones"—Mentomoe "sloppers." Thence away racing they went to Lemanagh, and so to Dunblayney; further on they crossed the Dunmore-road and entered Cloonbern, skirting along the verges of the bog in the angle of which many got stuck in the "scraluggar," and a very young sportsman got, man and horse, an extempore plunge bath into the bluish black mud of a fathomless bog hole. Through Cloonbern they toiled best pace for Claddagh, and crossing the Moglough-road stretched away for the great Lake of Labally, hugging close its eastern shore. Clear of the lake the line of scent now lay over a cruel and desperate country, of which the towering fences of Mr. Finney's, at Curraghereen, formed a continent part. There is the same merciless pace struck out for Castlemoyle, over a still more terrible country—the nomenclature of which our topographical knowledge enables us not to give. Through the village of Ballaghload they pressed on for Hillswood; but animal nature, however, will cry "enough," however good she may be, if man, unreasonable and excited, press her beyond the point. Several of the twilight riders having fallen one by one away, the field became exceedingly select. Three fields short of Castlemoyle the scent was crossed by a long funeral procession, which caused a check; again the scent is hit off, and clear of the village the hunt wound round for Bermingham by the margin of the intervening bog; it then wheeled off to the east over the hills of Monacow, across the river, out by the mills past the road, and along the hills to Cortoonroe, through the partially reclaimed bog, and so to the river bounding the territory of Gallagh. Here a formidable obstacle barred the *route*—a river 15ft wide. Two men take it in their stride, the first being the well-known Sam Patch; three stop short, their horses refusing the first time, but coming well over the second, and one finds himself in the middle of it. "Who is that under his horse in the river?" inquires the master, looking back from the tall hounds, after having skimmed the water on Pop Off like a swallow on a summer's eve. "'Tis only Boulger takin' in bilge water," observes the rider of Jack Swipes, sailing quietly along, "but he'll be drowned." "I shouldn't wonder," says the other, but the pace is too good to afford help." Back go the whole remaining field to seek a bridge some two miles off, and forward go the hounds and the water-jumpers for Gallagh, to the right of the Cortoon Chapel, on the hill, and straight for the new cover of Gallagh—one field short of which the gallant fox wore ship and trimmed his sails for Queensfort, then across the Lake of Beagh, as if for Killeoloney, when, turning into Brown's Grove, he took refuge in an open cowshed, and was saved, to the inexpressible delight of all, it being half-past three o'clock—after the most extraordinary and long sustained run ever witnessed in this part of the country. The distance was variously estimated, but the minimum length was computed by those capable of forming a correct opinion on the subject as certainly more than twenty-five miles—time, three hours, including checks—over admittedly the most difficult and diversified country in the west of Ireland. We were glad to observe the County Club so ably represented in the persons of the Messrs. O'Kelley, Roche, and others, who can vouch, not for the accuracy, but the feebleness of our description of this unprecedented run, the like of which, in all human probability, few of us may ever be permitted to look upon again.

MR. HARRY MONTAGUE.

FORMERLY AGENT TO JEM MACE; NOW AGENT TO NAT LANGHAM'S TROUPE IN IRELAND.

(From a Photograph by Nichols, of Shoreditch.)

PEDESTRIANISM.

MATCHES TO COME.

JANUARY.

17—Formoyle and Palmer—to run two miles, £15 a side, Victoria Grounds Leeds.
17—Buckley and Willcock—300 yds, £25 a side, Salford.
17—Handicap race, 150 yds, for several money prizes, Snipe Inn, Audenshaw.
19—Ray and Sullivan—to run five miles, £5 a side, Clay Hall, Old Ford, Bow; Sullivan to have one minute and a half start.
19—Paget and Wright—160 yds, £10 a side, Wall Heath; Paget to have 3 yds at the coming-in end.
19—Spott and Sullivan—300 yds, £5 a side, Clay Hall, Old Ford, Bow.
19—Spencer and Stapleton—880 yds, £25 a side, Copenhagen Grounds, Manchester.
19—Shepherd and Underwood—to walk two miles, £20 a side, Garratt-lane.
19—Tomlinson and Barnes—130 yds, £10 a side, Canterbury.
19—O'Malley and Pickworth—600 yds, £5 a side.
19—Hatley and Miles—to walk four miles, £25 a side, Hackney Wick; Hatley to have 200 yds start.
19—S. Weston and T. Garland—200 yds, £5 a side, Garratt-lane.
20—Ramsden and Bennett—to walk one mile, £5 a side.
21—Arnold and Atkins—to walk two miles, £10 a side, Brighton.
21—Marsh and Mills—to run a mile, £25 a side, near Brighton; Marsh receiving 70 yds start.
22—Handle and Thompson—to run half a mile, £5 a side, Coleshill.
24—Hackingley and Judson—160 yds, £25 a side, St. Thomas's Grounds, Stanningley.
24—Barker and Bolton—150 yds, £10 a side, St. George's Grounds, Honley.
24—Day and Stapleton—to run a mile, £25 a side and the Champion Cup, Snipe Inn, Audenshaw.
24—Hall and Hays, 120 yds, £10 a side, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
24, 26—All England Handicap Race, 150 yds, £20, and other money prizes, Salford.
26—Hilton and Knight—150 yds, £25 a side, Snipe Inn, Audenshaw.
26—H. Scanes and A. Allen—to walk two miles, £5 a side, Garratt-lane, Wandsworth.

METROPOLITAN RACE GROUNDS, HACKNEY WICK.

THE GREAT ONE HOUR'S RACE BETWEEN DEERFOOT, THE SENECA INDIAN, AND EDWARD MILLS, OF HACKNEY.

THE celebrity attached to the names of the above stars in the pedestrian world had the effect of drawing together upwards of three thousand spectators on Monday last to witness their important struggle for one hundred sovereigns as to which could accomplish the greatest distance in one hour. The in-and-out running, as it has been termed, which has been indicated by the performances of Deerfoot, have engendered strong doubts in the minds of many good judges as to perpetuate matters in turn and country as to his not only staying a distance, or whether he could cover ground with a celerity of speed equal to that of our first-class professors of the wholesome pastime of pedestrianism. Deerfoot's time and distance has varied, borealis like, we are told, according to circumstances; but the more we feel inclined to give a more attentive glance at his doings since he was brought over here from New York, the more we are induced to believe that he is one of the most extraordinary runners of modern time,—one that, if he has exhibited any shortcomings on any particular occasion when it suited that others should assume, for the nonce, the commandership, yet has always come when he has been wanted, and that, Indian or no Indian, Louis Bennet, from Buffalo, or Deerfoot of the Snipe Inn, has unequivocally proved himself no charlatan, and has stamped him as something vastly superior to whatever has been imagined of him even in the best of company, —he has been antagonistic, it is he against all the leading professionals of the present era. The match we are called upon now to notice was invested, we feel quite confident, with more than the usual interest and excitement, for late litigant proceedings at Worship-street Police Court, briefly alluded to in our last, had created a strong impression upon the minds of the racing public that the Hackney Wick far-famed pedestrian *troupe* and the George Martin Deerfoot *partie*, of equal celebrity in sporting circles, had, by means of such magi-terial interference, established quite as strong and bitter rivalry as ever existed between the Montagues and Capulets of the olden time. Soon after one o'clock, Mr. J. C. Baum's, the White Lion Inn, began to assume a busy appearance, and as the hour of starting approached, the throng of vehicles and pedestrians was very great, and there could be little doubt that the indifferent weather, which is the great bane of all *al-fresco* amusements, caused such a diminution of numbers on this occasion as were not perceptible when Deerfoot and Mills were pitted against each some short time back, at six miles and the belt. A strong body of police were in attendance, and were indefatigable in their exertions to preserve order, although some few slips occurred, as may naturally be supposed. At ten minutes past three o'clock, the men appeared on the course, the Indian attended by his backer, George Martin, Young White, of Gateshead, and Miles, the champion walker. Deerfoot looked considerably more fit, as "the man and the hour," than his lithe little opponent, for his very physical organization denoted untiring strength and endurance, exactly suitable to the extremely heavy nature of the track which had to be traversed. Mills was waited upon with the usual assiduity displayed by his friend Sam Barker. So strong was the apparent disparity of condition between the competitors that the betting speedily rose to 2 to 1 on Deerfoot; and we have every reasonable ground for believing that there was a fair amount of speculation. The referee having been chosen, W. Price, the M.C. of the ground, fired the starting pistol, and the men immediately bent for their timeful errand. Deerfoot pioneered the way with a careless gait of indifference, as if he was sotting out for "the happy hunting grounds." Away, at the top of his speed, he turned the first mile, rather better than two yards in front, in eleven under five. He was still ahead in the next mile, at the finish of which the time of 9min 51sec was taken; and the third mile told as 15min 5sec. The redskin had now increased his lead to between four and five yards, but yet the home representative looked only warming to his work, and, in reality, as only hiding his time. While running the twenty-seventh lap the hero of the Far West suddenly made a wild, yet energetic lurch to the "forward," and, with Indian quickness, was speedily full ten or twelve yards in the van. This mode of fits and starts somewhat took Mills aback for the moment, but in a second the game little fellow laid himself down to a terrific spurt, and, in the midst of the most tremendous acclamations of the company, who now began to imagine that he was showing his correct form, Mills immediately decreased the gap between them. For a couple of strides the opponents were shoulder to shoulder, when Mills, fully upon his metal, gave the Indian the go-by in the twenty-eighth lap, and was leading by a couple of yards. The fourth mile was traversed when twenty minutes twenty-five seconds had been checked. At the termination of the fifth mile (25 min 29sec) the Indian again resumed his position in front; but the lead again alternated between the competitors before the end of mile six; time,—thirty minutes forty-five seconds—Deerfoot still in the ascendant, and still displaying that dogged, stolid, silent look so strongly identical with all tribes of the Indian prairies. Seventh mile well over by 36min 6sec, and while careering along by the railway embankment and the reserved seats, in the next lap, the swarthy again unwrung his withers, and was in defiant command full fifteen or sixteen yards. The next mile was covered as it was clocked at 41min 25sec, when Martin's dark pupil was thirty yards in front. Soon after turning the ninth mile—time, 46min 50sec—both spurted conspicuously, and as the cheers rang vociferously along the line of spectators the excitement was intense. With indomitable effort and gameness, Mills pushed a-head once more, and on the termination of the tenth mile—52min 16sec—Mills was two yards in the van. At this stage of the proceedings, however, it was clear that he began to tire, his energies seemed to be gradually giving way to a greater degree of lassitude in his locomotive progress, and when the last mile was finished by 57min 35sec, he found he had only a few minutes more to run to complete the hour, and he renewed a struggle in which his distressed condition showed he had no chance of success on that occasion. The hour being up, the pistol was fired, and it was found that during that time the winner had accomplished eleven miles six hundred and seventy yards, which distance we pledge ourselves to be correct, as well as the accompanying rate of time per mile given to us by Mr. Price, the M.C. of the ground. Mills, at the expiration of the hour, was about twelve yards behind, finishing near the pavilion, in a nearly exhausted state. When the Indian had got into the long length, he made another little bit of a spurt, to showthat he had got plenty more in him—a truth the most sceptical of grumblers could not gainsay—rinsed his mouth out with a dash of "fire-water" from a soda-water bottle handed him by Miles, his attendant, whoop, rushed as strongly as eagerly from the enclosure. The victory was a most unequivocal one; and Mills' party were much disconcerted at their favourite's defeat. Teddy must reconsider the Shakesperian philosophy of having deserved success, although it is not in the power of mortals to command it. The loser was afterwards matched to run Mower, of Norwich, one mile, for £50 a side. Time:—

miles.	min sec	miles.	min sec
1	4 49	7	36 10
2	9 51	8	41 25
3	15 5	9	46 50
4	20 25	10	52 16
5	25 29	11	57 35
6	30 45		

WEST LONDON GROUNDS, OLD BROMPTON.

MONDAY.—BABBS AND PARKER.—This five score yards spin, for £5 a side, decided to have a manifest advantage, and was a clear favourite at 5 to 4, taken freely. The latter ran from end to end with the lead, and won cleverly by half a yard.

MARTIN AND STANLEY.—This was a six score yards spin, for £5 a side, and Martin received five yards start. He gained something in addition to this, stole gradually away from his opponent, and won as he liked.

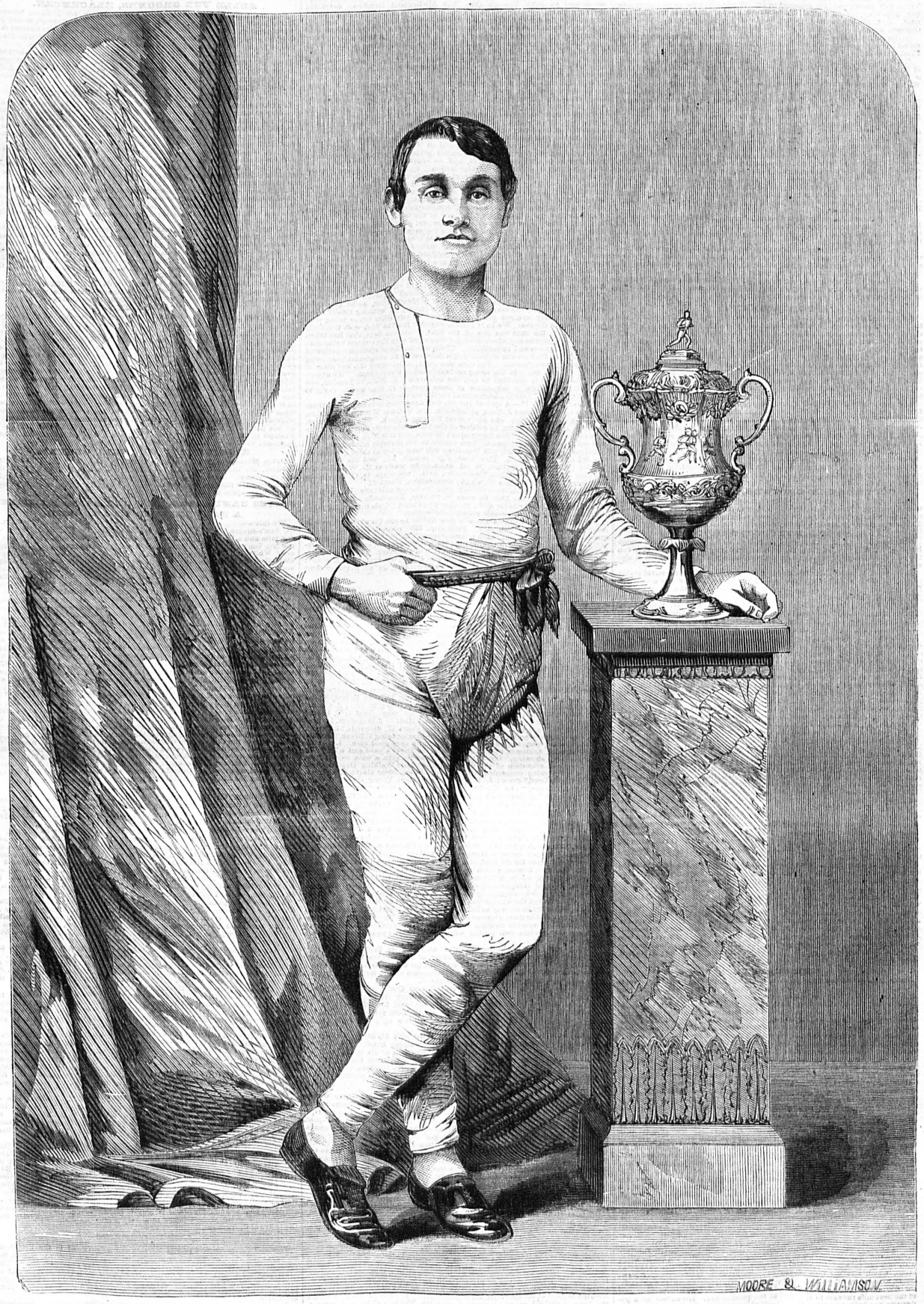
BIRMINGHAM.

GEO. YATES AND HARRY BROWN, OF BIRMINGHAM.—This match—125 yds, for £10 a side—is going on satisfactorily, £3 a side being now down. Mr. Coates is appointed final stakeholder and referee. To be run at Aston Cross, on Monday, Jan 26.

TAYLOR, OF COVENTRY, AND NEWBOLD, OF BIRMINGHAM.—This six score yards match, for £10 a side, is well on. £4 a side is now down. To come off at Aston Cross, on Monday, Jan. 26. Mr. Coates referee.

SMALLEY and C. Bland, of Birmingham, are matched to walk twenty miles, for £10 a side, round Aston Cross. To come off on Monday, March 2. £2 a side is now down. Mr. Coates final stakeholder and referee.

NEAL and Fletcher, of Birmingham, have made a match to run five score yards, for £5 a side, Neal giving three yards start. To be run on Monday



JAMES SANDERSON, OF WHITWORTH, NEAR ROCHDALE, CHAMPION MILE-AND-A-HALF PEDESTRIAN.

(From a Photograph by John Eastham, St. Ann's-square, Manchester.)

Feb. 16, at Aston Cross grounds. Fifteen minutes allowed at scratch. Final stakeholder, Mr. Hunt, Crown and Anchor, Hockley, Birmingham.

H. WILLIAMS, OF DUDLEY, AND J. THOMPSON (Bantam), OF BIRMINGHAM.—These well known peds are matched to run 120 yds, Thompson agreeing to give five yards start, for £5 a side. To be run on Monday, Jan. 26, on the Oldbury-road. £2 a side is now down in the hands of Mr. Savage, of the Gate Inn, Oldbury, who is appointed final stakeholder and referee.

COLEMAN and Young Lowe, of Birmingham, are matched to walk four miles, round Aston Cross Grounds, on Monday, Feb. 2. £2 a side is already posted. Final stakeholder and referee, Mr. J. Taylor, of the Crown, Hill-street.

T. JONES (Brushey), of Birmingham, will allow five yards start to Winsper, of Darlaston, in 440 yards; or he will run Gough, of Worcester, six score yards or ten score yards level. Either match, for £10 or £15 a side, can be made at Welch's, Three Horse Shoes, Oldbury.

J. HODGSON, of Birmingham, is open to run Randle, of Coleshill, six score yards, receiving three yards start, for £5 a side; or he will run Wardle, of Leicester, half a mile level, for £5 or £10 a side. Either match can be on at Bissell's, Cottage Tavern, Bordesley-street, Summer-lane.

T. BROWN, of Birmingham, is open to run Taylor, of Coventry, 200 yds level; or he will accept two yards start in six score yards, for £25 a side. Either match can be on at Gardiner's, Malt Shovel Inn, New John-street.

T. ROBERTS, of Birmingham, is open to match any of the following matches:—He will run Phil. Yardley, from a quarter of a mile up to five miles level, for £5 or £10 a side; or H. Shaw can have a quarter of a mile start in ten miles, or half a mile in twenty miles, for £10 a side; or he will take thirty yards start in one mile of Wardle, of Leicester, for £10 or £15 a side; or he will accept 100 yds in ten miles of Toddy Ray, of London, for £10 a side; or he will run Eilers, of Oxford, one mile level, for £10 a side—and will take expenses to run on any enclosed ground. Either match can be on at Mr. T. Bowlbotham's, Black Lion, Hurst-street.

S. CAMPBELL, of Kingswinford, will give Baker, of Bromley, 2 yds start in 120 yds; or will accept 2 yds in 160 yds of Gordon, of Brierley Hill—for £5 a side. Either match can be on on application to Campbell, at Mr. Caddick's, Crown Inn, Kingswinford.

T. SMITH will run F. Bolton, of Walsall, 440 yds, with 8 yds start; or Thacker, of the same place, 300 yds, with 3 yds start, or 440 yds level—for £5 or £10 a side. Can be on at Smith's, Crown and Cushion, Bridgman-street; or G. Holden's, Malt Shovel, New-street, Walsall.

T. SCATH, of Birmingham, is open to run W. Wilkinson, likewise of Birmingham, six score yards, for £5 or £10 a side, or his own sum. Man and money at Mr. Clarke's, White Swan, Water-street.

PORTSMOUTH.

SOUTHSEA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.—The opening fête of this club, which was to have taken place on New Year's Day, is postponed, on account of the inclemency of the weather, until Monday, Jan. 19th, when the following sports will take place:—A 200 yds handicap race, for a handsome cup, by members only. The entries are as follows: Messrs. Bigler, Cole, jun., E. Simmonds, and Collins, at scratch; Fishburn, 2 yds; Bliss, Elliott-Edge, 3 yds; Fry, 4 yds; Yaney, 5; White, 6; Paynes, 8; Cole, sen., 8; F. Baker, 9; J. Simmonds, 15. A walking match of two miles, for a silver watch, open to all. J. Pearman, of Tichfield, E. England, W. Winstone of the 53rd, and W. Ashford, are already entered. There will also be a 440 yds handicap, for a silver medal, for members only.

WALKING MATCH FOR £50.—J. Pearman is again matched to walk four miles, for £25 a side, against the Londoner—to take place on March 9th, on the East Hants Ground. £5 a side is now down, and the remaining deposits, of £20 each, are to be made, on every alternate Monday, to the stakeholder, Mr. F. Baker, proprietor of the grounds. This is likely to prove a very exciting affair, Pearman having defeated his opponent one mile, but was in turn beaten seven miles. It is thought four miles will bring them together.

FRANK DIAMOND commenced his monster task of walking 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours on Monday last, at the East Hants Grounds, amidst a pelting rain, we shall continue to give an account as the match progresses, which is stated to be for £100 a side.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.

STAPLETON AND SPENCER.—Mr. George Hardy now has £15 a side for the match between P. Staple on, of Stalybridge, and J. Spencer, of Huddersfield, to run 880 yds, for £25 a side, at the above grounds, on Monday, January 19th. Mr. George Hardy is also appointed referee.

SALFORD BOROUGH GARDENS.

WILLCOCK AND BUCKLEY.—Mr. George Hardy now has £25 a side for a match between W. Willcock, of Manchester, and J. Buckley, of Tonge Lane, to run 200 yds, for £25 a side, to take place here on January 17th. Mr. Hardy is also appointed referee.

MILLS AND JOHNSON.—Mr. Geo. Hardy now has £10 a side for a novel match between E. Mills and T. Johnson to run 100 yds backwards for £25 a side, on February 7th; the winner to receive both shares of the gate money. Mr. Hardy to be referee.

BEDDOW AND WILLCOCK.—Geo. Beddow, of London, and W. Willcock, of Manchester, are matched to run 300 yds. Willcock to have 5 yds start, for £25 a side, on February 14th. Mr. Geo. Hardy is stakeholder and referee.

SHAW, Jan. 10.—Fresh matches are very plentiful in these grounds to-day. Mr. Atenbury having announced the sum of £23 to be subscribed for in a handicap foot-race, distance 120 yds, for which 44 "peds" from all parts of England accepted the starts allotted to them, which were divided into eleven heats of four men each, the winners of each heat to take place, every one wanting to back Malkin, upon whom odds were laid before a heat was run. About two o'clock in the afternoon the bell rang for—Lot 1: J. Johnson, Stockport, 20 yds, first; A. Peak, Manchester, 18 yds, second; J. Mullany, New Mills, 16 yds, third; Johnson won by four yards. Lot 2: J. Carlton, 15 yds, did not run. Lot 2: W. Kirkham, Hulme, 15 yds, first; J. C. Martin, Salford, 18 yds, second; W. Hackenhall, Bradford, 17 yds, third; J. Armitage, Crompton, 17 yds, fourth. Lot 3: J. Ingham, Hulme, 18 yds, first; E. Whitle, Chorley, 21 yds, second; J. Johnson, Salford, 18 yds, third; C. Booth, Sowerby Bridge, 18 yds, did not put in an appearance. Ingham won by four yards. Lot 4: W. Andrews, Pendleton, 15½ yds, first; G. Scissors, Sheffield, 20 yds, second; M. Burke, Salford, 16 yds, third; Andrews won by a foot. Lot 5: C. Hoare, Hulme, 19 yds, first; J. Nolan, Manchester, 15 yds, second; J. P. Green, Manchester, 16 yds, third; J. Stokes, of Bolton, 17 yds, did not run. Lot 6: J. Nuttall, of Manchester, 12 yds, walked over. Lot 7: P. Pilkington, Salford, 20 yds, and S. Grimshaw, Stockport, 19 yds, run a dead heat, but in running off Pilkington won by 4 yds. C. Daley, Pendleton, 20 yds, third; T. Mills, Manchester, 19 yds, did not run. Lot 8: P. Holroyde, Murdleid, 17 yds; and G. Metcalf, Liverpool, 17 yds, ran a dead heat. T. Sowden, Manchester, 17 yds, third; J. Andrews, Milbrook, 17 yds, fourth. In running off Holroyde won. Lot 9: J. Malkin, Whitmore, 18 yds, first; E. Markham, Manchester, 18 yds, second; W. Baker, Manchester, 18 yds, third. Malkin won easy. Lot 10: J. Parker, Preston, 18 yds, first; T. Atkinson, Salford, 18 yds, second; W. Long, Middlesbrough, 17 yards; won by a yard. Lot 11: R. Grundy, Manchester, 20 yds, first; J. Broadmadow, Stockport, 15 yds, second. Grundy won by two yards.

MONDAY, January 12th.—This being the day appointed for the decision of the handicap, there was again a fair attendance. The eleven winners being divided into three lots, about half-past two o'clock the bell rang for Lot 1: J. Malkin, Whitmore, 18 yds, first; P. Pilkington, Salford, 20, second; W. Kirkham, Hulme, 15, third; W. Andrews, Pendleton, 15½, fourth. Malkin won easy. Lot 2: J. Nuttall, Manchester, 12, first; J. Ingham, Hulme, 18, second; C. Hoare, Hulme, 19, third. Nuttall won by a yard. Lot 3: After a good race, Nuttal won in the last stride by a foot. Betting, 2 to 1 on Ingham. Lot 3: R. Grundy, Manchester, 20, first; J. Johnson, Stockport, 20, second; J. Parker, Preston, 18, did not run. Grundy got a very good start, and won easy. After resting some time the bell rang for the final heat:—J. Malkin, Whitmore, 18, first; R. Grundy, Manchester, 20, second; J. Nuttall, Manchester, 12, third. Malkin won in a canter.

NEWCASTLE.

VICTORIA RUNNING GROUNDS.—Two of the most important pedestrian events have taken place in the North for many months, came off at these grounds on Saturday, before an immense concourse of spectators. The first was between John Shaw, of Stockton, and Joseph Hogg, of Gateshead, to run 200 yds, for £20 a side. As both men were considered to be clippers, the interest was very great. Shaw, who is now in his 28th year, has been a most successful sprint runner in his time; having won several matches of great importance. We have only a very few of this pedestrian's performances. One of his principal spins was with Lindsay, of Wilton Gilbert, 200 yds, for £50, when Shaw won easily. He next suffered a defeat by William Straker, of Newcastle, in a 160 yds race, for £25 a side, Straker giving Shaw 3 yds. Shaw's form at the present month he ran J. Phillipson 100 yds, for £20, at the Fenham Park Grounds, when Shaw won, after a beautiful race, by nearly one yard. Hogg (the Gateshead Pet), who is scarcely 21 years old, is one of the best quarter-mile runners that the North has ever produced; he has run a great many of the best 440-yds runners in England. His list of performances is very numerous. Amongst his principal contests, we find he defeated John Miller, of Gateshead, in a half-mile race, for £20, winning by only a foot. Three weeks after, the same man had a decided advantage in the same amount, when Hogg again proved the victor by several yards. He next ran a dead heat with Wildbore, of Sunderland, in a 120-yds race, for £20, both afterwards drawing their stakes. Next defeated Joseph Foster, of Winlaton, quarter mile, for £40; beat Miller, of Gateshead, in a half-mile, for £40; afterwards surfered a decided defeat by E. Mills, of London, in a 660-yds last for £25 a side. His last race was with William Forster, of Leeds, 200 yds, for £50, Hogg receiving 17 yds start. His usual luck never left him, and he again won, after a decided defeat, by nearly 1 yd. The winning race was announced for 1.30 p.m.; but it was not until 2 o'clock that the men appeared at the scratch; Shaw being attended by Lynch, of Tipton, and James Waddle, of Jesmond; while Joseph Bell, of Newcastle, and J. James, of Gateshead, performed the unseemly office for Hogg. At the word, they made a rattling start, both shooting ahead simultaneously; Shaw led by little more than a yard at half the distance, but the Gateshead Pet would not be denied, and pelted away at an astonishing rate, quickly passed his man, 70 yards from the goal pole up his hand signal, and will in a few strides passed it mark fully six yards in the van. The race was a decided drop, 6 to 4 being bet on the winner, with very few takers. Upwards of 600 persons were present. The next great event, which was the race of the day, was between James Percy, of Newcastle, and James Stewart, of Usworth; James, who found the grounds, for £50; Stewart, three yds start. Percy, who has seen 24 summers, is one of the best mile runners in England at the present day. His career as a pedestrian has been marked with undoubted success, having proved the conqueror in several first-class and determined tussels, defeating some of the best long-distance runners ever produced in the North. He has engaged in a vast number of contests, one of the principal being with William Bell, of the Felling, in a mile race, for £50, when Percy won easy, doing the 1,760 yds in 5min 27sec. He next ran E. Mills, of London, three miles, for £20 a side, at Hackney Wick, when Mills won by 30 yds. His next essay was with Freeks of Gateshead, half-mile, for £50, when Percy won by several yards, doing the distance in the quickest time ever run at these grounds. He afterwards ran second in John Young's One Mile All-England Handicap, defeating 42 others, his last event was in Scotland and Cumberland, on the Marchmont Handicap, which he won with the greatest of ease, licking upwards of thirty others. Stewart, who hails from the salubrious little village of Usworth, is also a first-class sprint runner; his age is 27 years; in stature, about 5ft 6in; he is a very pretty runner, although he is not a long distance man; he has gained a great number of his contests, in nearly all his contests, only suffering defeat in two or three instances. His last spin was with James Drummond, of the Blue Quarries, distance 50 yds, for £30. The race came off at these grounds on January 1st, Stewart winning, after a capital contest, by little more than half a yard. Stewart's friends were pretty sanguine of success in his match with Percy, but as the sequel will prove, the generality of his partisans would leave the grounds with their pockets to let. The race between these clippers, which was advertised for 2.30 p.m. was delayed exactly one hour on account of the immense concourse of persons which had congested the floor for admittance, and at the time of starting we should say not less than 2,100 spectators were assembled on these very useful grounds. The betting about one hour previous to the contest was 5 and 6 to 4 on Percy, but later on the tables turned, and in many instances even, and 5 to 4 was laid on Stewart, with all the takers—in fact we scarcely ever remember witnessing a foot race where so much money pended on the result, and we speak from authority when we state that never since the popular national sport was introduced into the North, was the betting more extensive. Everything was in readiness, and at the time of starting we should say not less than 2,100 spectators were assembled on these very useful grounds. 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Before they had contested 100 yards Percy ran alongside of his opponent, both going at a tremendous rate, the whole distance being neck and neck, and we should say it was no go; Percy, who was all alive, proved too many for him, and at half the distance led by upwards of 1½ yds. The excitement at this point was really most intense, the multitude testing their lungs to a terrible extent. This particular method of amusement is, we regret to state, not actuating effect on the runners, as they bounded along the level at a killing rate, Percy still leading by little more than 3 yds. After rounding the turn for the straight run home the struggle for superiority was most exciting; Stewart endeavoured manfully to reduce the gap, but without avail. His task was now evidently beyond his powers, and dropped further into the rear, and, seeing his chance of winning totally annihilated, he wisely resigned the contest about 40 yds from home, being then nearly 7 yds in the rear. We have not the slightest fault to find with this truly manly contest, which was run in good time, 5sec. Bets were then taken place for an indefinite period—everything connected with the contest being conducted with fairness and impartiality. There was no dissatisfaction manifested in the result, as Stewart was without doubt defeated by an antagonist possessing very much the superior speed, and, considering the weather and state of the ground, the 442 yds 7in being accomplished in about 56sec. We understand the winner is matched to run the celebrated E. Mills, of London, one mile, for £50 a side, to take place at these grounds in four weeks, Percy to have 20 yds start, and another match for the northerners.

MONDAY, January 12.—A spin of 160 yds was allowed to take place at these grounds to-day between J. Kent, of Aycliffe, and William Winn, of Coundon, for £10 a side; the race was announced for two o'clock. The public were, however, disappointed in the result, as least of the men made their appearance. We have often complained of this intolerable nuisance, and it is high time a remedy was put forth; such practices as these cannot be too severely condemned.

A Great All-England 200 yds Handicap will take place at these grounds on the 3rd and 4th of April. First man, £25; second, £4; and third, £1. Entries, 2s. each; acceptances, 2s. 6d. extra, to be made at Mr. W. Oldham's, Alnwick House, Cloth-market, Newcastle; or G. Cummings, 18, Quarry-fields, Gateshead. Entries to close March 15; acceptances, March 22.

FENHAM PARK RUNNING GROUNDS.—A great foot-race will take place at these grounds on Monday, the 19th, between W. Straker, Newcastle, and J. Beeby, of Carlisle, to run 300 yds for £50; Straker 6 yds start. This interesting event is likely to attract a considerable amount of attention.

Messrs. Sterling and Emmerson will give £25 to be run for at these grounds on the 21st and 23rd of February; first man, £20; second, £4; and the last man, £1. Entries, 1s. 6d. each; acceptances, 2s. extra, to be made at Mr. R. Sterling's, Fighting Cock Inn, Bigg Market, Newcastle; or Mr. R. Emmerson's, Cowgate, Newcastle; to close on the 11th of February. The same gentlemen will give £25 to be run for on April 3rd and 4th. First man to receive £20; second, £4; third, £1. Entries, 2s. each; acceptances, 2s. 6d. extra, to close on March 25th, at 6 p.m.

LIVERPOOL.

BOLD STRAWBERRY GARDENS, WEST DERBY-ROAD.—On Monday last the above gardens were thronged by a numerous and respectable attendance of gentlemen to witness the running of the 150 yds handicap sweepstakes, and the four miles walking handicap sweepstakes, for the benefit of a gentleman who has been unfortunate enough to have participated in the Liverpool district, but we cannot but express our regret that, in return for the favour he has made to bring old English sports into public favour, he has not been *remuneratively* seconded by the public and "peds," inasmuch as the *benefit* has not been so good as it should be, the sum of £5 only being paid to the stakeholder, W. F. Smith, 20 yds, in the absence of J. Bryan, 13, and H. Halpin, 22, walked over for the first heat. Heat 2: R. McCormack, 20, walked over; E. Farrel, 22, and L. Cuddy, 20, absent. Heat 3 was also a walk over for W. Brown, 8, C. Ogilvy, 21, and Jackson, 20, being absent. Heat 4: Thompson, 20, walked over to a yard, and G. Thompson, 17, absent. Heat 4: C. Dunn, 17, beat R. Hughes, 20, J. H. Atkinson, 21, absent. Heat 5: Charles Forsyth (boy), 26, first; R. Quale, 15, second; and M. Birkenshaw, 11, third; a good race. Heat 6: T. Bryan, 21, beat J. Hughes, 20, and Wilkinson, 21, absent. Heat 7: J. Atkinson, 21, beat J. Milligan, 19. Heat 8: S. Gallagher, 18, walked over; W. Richards, 21, absent. The above winners were immediately drawn, the first lot being T. Bryan, C. Dunn, and W. Brown; won in the order named, after a very good race. Lot 2: W. F. Smith beat J. Atkinson, after a good race, by about a yard and a half; R. McCormack not showing. Lot 3: Gallagher gave Forsyth a walk over. Now came the great sensation of the day—the Four Mile Walking Handicap—in which the following contended, viz.:—James Allan, 30sec start; E. Thomas, the "Northern Deer," 30sec; J. T. Haughton, 150sec; Young Quaile, 200sec; and Young Thomas, "the Wonder," 240sec. On the word to go being given to the "little 'un," he dashed off in his usual beautiful style. At this point the rain was pelting down in torrents, and the ground very heavy "going," nevertheless he had placed about half a lap to his credit, when Young Quaile dashed out, and Thomas followed, leaving Haughton and Allan, as the "Spaniard's high pressure," and succeeded in placing two laps and a distance to his account before Allan and Thomas received the "office" to leave their mark, but the latter was not to work in the same style—Thomas on the side, with a slight lead. The pair came to Haughton's shoulder opposite the stand, which a struggle took place for the lead, the Little Wonder doing all he could to keep in front. The trio, however, soon passed the little 'un, who was immediately afterwards pulled up by Wilkinson, who gave Haughton a walk over. Thomas, after twice lapping Haughton (Quaile being withdrawn in the twenty-second lap), held a clear lead—winning by about 40yds; Allan second, and Haughton third. A portrait of the winner was given in our issue of Saturday last. The friends of Allan, who was greatly satisfied with his exertions, have thrown down the gauntlet to meet Thomas on the handicap terms. It is very probable that there will be another meeting between these two local celebrities, and we shall keep our readers well posted with information anent this and other matches.

THOMAS AND BRYAN.—Young Thomas and Charles Bryan meet to day (Saturday), between four and half-past four, at the Old Strawberry Gardens, to contest for superiority in a spin of two miles, for £10. Nothing can exceed the interest centred in this match, in consequence of the well-known speed, pluck, and endurance of the two youths engaged.

DUNN AND QUAILE.—Charles Dunn and Robert Quaile meet on Monday evening next, the 19th inst., at the Old Strawberry Gardens, to draw up articles and make a further deposit in a 120 yds level, for £10 a side.

ATKINSON AND SMITH.—John Atkinson and W. F. Smith also meet on Monday evening next, at the Old Strawberry Gardens, to draw up articles, &c., to run 150 yds, for £5 a side.

JAMES ALLAN, of Liverpool, not being satisfied with his defeat by Edward Thomas, the Northern Deer, in the four mile walking handicap on Monday last, begs to inform Thomas that he will walk him four or six miles level, for £25 or £50 a side, to come off in four or five weeks from the signing of articles. Allan will be at Young's, Old Strawberry Gardens, this evening (Saturday), between eight and ten o'clock, prepared to make a match.

MACCLESFIELD.

BOWLING GREEN INN GROUNDS.—On Saturday, January 10th, there was a very large attendance at these grounds to witness the deciding heats in the One Mile Championship of Macclesfield and district, for the handsome silver cup and £5 given by the proprietor. The first heat was won by Hollywood, third, Riley, second, £1; third, 10s. Precisely at half-past three, Hollywood and C. Riley made their appearance at the mark and a good start having been effected, the pair got off well together, Riley soon taking the lead, but not of long duration, when Hollywood came up to his mark before the termination of the first lap, and passing and repassing was the order of the day until the commencement of the last lap, when they came running breast to breast, when Hollywood put on one of his well known spurts and came in a winner by 6 yds; time, 5min 20sec. We are inclined to think that had Riley put his spurt on on occasion, been so full of skylarking, a different result might have ensued. Betting, 6 to 4 on Hollywood, which finally left off at 2 to 1 on Hollywood. J. Pickford did not put in an appearance, through indisposition.

CHAMPIONS.—Riley, not being satisfied with his late defeat by W. Hollywood, will run him again the same distance for £5 a side, and the One Mile Championship Cup now held by him, in accordance with the stipulations on which the cup is to be contended for.

SANDBACH.

FOOT RACE.—The interesting match between John Patterson (member of the Volunteer Rifles) and Henry Darlington, of Bodfarm, for £25, will come off on Saturday afternoon, January 24th, at three o'clock, directly six score yards. It is expected that many will be present, and that it will be an exciting race, as both have repeatedly figured in the racing circle. The third instalment has been made good at Brother Johnson's, Red Lion. Mr. Thomas Leadbeater and Mr. John Wakefield, are their trainers, and Mr. Thomas Colclough referee. We see announcements for Darlington, Mr. Whittingham, Mr. Plant, Mr. Hodgkinson, and Mr. Tatnall. Pattern's friends are numerous, therefore we select a few:—Mr. Dickenson, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Webb, Mr. Mellor, and Mr. S. Burgess. The volunteers will muster at the Institution at two o'clock, and proceed to the ground headed by their brass band, and after the race is over prizes will be shot for. Trains from Crewe and Manchester arrive in good time at Sandbach Station, and the ground is close too.—(*Communicated*)

BELLE VUE GROUNDS, BLACKBURN.

BESS AND POLLY.—Mr. Holden now has £2 10s. a side, for a match between James Roe's Bess, of Preston, and J. Whittaker's Polly, of Burnley, to run 200 yds at these grounds, on Monday, February 2, for £25 a side, giving the heavier dog to give two yards to the pound, inside. Another deposit of £1 10s. a side is due on Monday next, January 19th. Mr. Holden is also to be referee.

TWO-MILE MATCH.—Mr. Holden now has £2 10s. a side for a match between Henry Wild's Violet, of Duckinfield, and J. Whittaker's Polly, of Blackburn, to run 200 yds, for £25 a side, at these grounds, on Monday, February, 2, the heavier dog to give one yard to the pound, outside. Mr. Holden to be referee. Another deposit of £2 10s. a side is due on Monday next.

LEEDS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

FERMOYLE AND BLAKEBROUGH.—These lads met on Monday last, according to articles, at the Victoria Race Grounds, Leeds, to run their mile race, for £10 a side. There was a fair amount of betting at 5 to 4 on Fermoyle. After the usual preliminaries, they got off, Fermoyle taking the lead, and, as they proceeded, he gradually made the distance greater and greater, and Fermoyle went in an easy winner by eighty yards.

Mr. J. WOOLFOOT, Harewood Arms, Leeds, has received articles and £1 a side for a race of 440 yds, between T. Procter and J. Spence, both of Leeds, for £10 a side. To be run at the Victoria Race Grounds, February 23. A deposit of £1 a side is to be made weekly until the last two weeks, when £2 a side is to be made good.

BARNSLEY PEDESTRIAN, of Leeds, is surprised that Fred. Culmer, of London, should challenge him, and want twenty-five yards' start in a mile, when he knows that he is far the best man; but if Culmer wants to run, he will take 100 yds in a mile, for £5 or £10 a side; to run at Leeds. An answer through this paper will be attended to.

THOMPSON AND PRESTON.—A match, to run four miles, for £25 a side, has been made between D. Thompson, of Dewsbury, and A. Preston, of Earlsheaton. The second deposit, making £5 a side, was to be made good on Monday. The race is fixed to come off at the Victoria Race Grounds, on Saturday, Feb. 7. B. Hardcastle, of Leeds, has stakes to allow that he will put in £25 with Thompson and Preston, and run with them in their four miles race; the winner to take the whole of the £75.

SWEEPSTAKES.—G. Tillerington, to run 110 yds, T. Hall, 100, and J. Nixon, 108, has agreed to stake £10 each; the winner to take the £30, and the gate-money. To run at the Victoria Race Grounds, on Monday, Feb. 2.

HONLEY.

BOOTHROYD AND FRANCE.—Saturday was a red letter day at St. George's Road Inn, at Honley, Huddersfield. The match, for £25 a side, between A. Boothroyd and J. France, to run four miles, at these grounds, attracted a great amount of interest amongst the peds, not only of this but also the surrounding districts. Large numbers were present from Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Manchester, and Halifax; and there could not have been fewer than two thousand people present to witness the race. Nice ribbon £20 changed hands over the event, chiefly at 5 and 6 to 4 upon France, with which it was considered Boothroyd had not the slightest chance. The men started very evenly, France taking the lead, which he maintained until they were going on the 1½ mile of the course in the second lap, when Boothroyd passed his man, and continued in front. After the finish of the third lap, it was very evident that France was dead beat; after which Boothroyd slackened his speed, and won leisurely, winning by upwards of half a mile, by several yards. He was then seized by his partisans, and hoisted upon some of their shoulders, and carried in triumph in the midst of a regular Yorkshire huzza, while his unfortunate opponent was met with hisses. Time, 4 min. 50 sec.

HIGGINSHAW GROUNDS, OLDHAM.

DAVID MELLOR, of Royton, near Oldham, and John Radcliffe, of Shaw, near Oldham, are matched to run four miles, for £25 a side, at these grounds, this day (Saturday). Mr. J. Chadwick, the proprietor of the grounds, now holds 50s. a side; the remainder to be staked on the day of running, by three o'clock. To be on the mark at half-past three o'clock.

JAMES SANDERSON, THE CHAMPION MILE AND A HALF RUNNER OF ENGLAND.

WE this week give a portrait, taken from a photograph by John Beetham, of St. Ann's-square, Manchester, the present holder of the one mile and a-half champion's cup, which was given by James Boothroyde, at the Ash Inn grounds, Stockport. Sanderson first saw the light at Cow Clough, near Whitworth, Rochdale, where he at present resides, on the 29th day of December, 1837, consequently he is now upwards of twenty-six years of age, and by trade he is a blacksmith. His height is 5ft 7in, and in racing costume he weighs about 8st 9lb. His first essay on the pedestrian course was in May, 1856, when he ran a mile on the Whitworth-road against the "scythe bearer," for a sovr. a side, and won. Defeated Thomas Rider, at Belle Vue, in a spin of two miles, for £5 a side, in September of the same year. In the following month he met and defeated C. Woolstenholme, of Bury, in a race of four miles, round Bagslate course, for £10 a side. Next beat T. Greenwood (*alias* Tom Sal), of Smallbridge, four miles, for £10 a side, on Monday, the 22nd of November beat J. Boothman, of Hastingden, at Belle Vue, in a one mile race, for £20 a side. He was next matched with G. Sharp, of Portsmouth, for £25 a side, at Belle Vue, but he was done out of the race. He next beat J. Hollingworth, at Belle Vue, in a spin of two miles, for £10 a side, on the 18th of July, at the Copenhagen grounds, receiving £10 forfeit from G. Sharp. Met and defeated Job Smith, on the 7th of November, at the Copenhagen grounds, in a race of two miles for £ 0 a side. On the 27th of March, 1858, was defeated by Job Smith, in a race of one mile, for £50 a side. On the 3rd of next May he defeated James Podney, of London, on the same course, in a race of two miles, for £50 a side, Podney receiving 15 yds start. On the 24th of July, he ran a two miles race at Copenhagen Grounds, for £50 a side, when Sanderson won easy. On the 6th of August was defeated by Lang, of Middlesbro', in a spin of two miles, for £50 a side, at the Copenhagen Grounds. Since this time he has met all the principal men of the day, with varied success, amongst which we may mention Brighton, of Norwich, and White, of Gateshead, in a match to decide for the one mile and a half cup at Stockport, which we now hold; his last performance being his race at the City Grounds, Manchester, when he defeated Siah Albison, of Bow Lee, for £50 a side, Sanderson receiving 15 yds start at one mile.

GEO. BEDDOW, the guardsman, of London, knows nothing of the challenge purporting to come from him to run Whitle, of Chorley, and give him 3 yds start—it being sent by some unprincipled fellow wishing to do him an injury in his professional capacity.

SANDERSON AND THE ONE-MILE-AND-A-HALF CUP. — James Sanderson, of Whitworth, near Rochdale, has left £5 with Mr. Holden, of the White Lion, Long Hedge-lane, Manchester, to run any man breathing for £25 a side and the Champion Cup, now held by him, at the place at the Ash Inn Grounds, Stockport—Mr. Holden to be stakeholder and referee, and the time to be fixed by him in the course of the day of the race; or Sanderson will run any man breathing one mile and a half, for £50 a side, and will give £5 for choice of ground. By sending articles to Geo. Parkinson, Three Crowns, Rochdale, and a deposit to Mr. Holden, a match will be made.

A MATCH took place on Monday, at the Victoria Park, between William Steples, of Hackney, and Samuel, of Homerton; distance 200 yards, for £5 a side. A capital race was anticipated, slightly in favour of Samuel, but, after twenty yards had been covered, Steples got the lead, which he maintained to the finish, beating Samuel, after a well-contested race, by a yard and a half. Time, 24 sec.

MESSRS. AND LATHAM.—We are informed that this match is off, by Mills not staking a Mr. Silver's, White Horse, Rupert-street, on Saturday last.

C. JONES AND C. MAXWELL.—These men are matched to run 110 yards for £5 a side, at Garratt-lane, Wandsworth, on January 26. £3 a side has been deposited. After making a deposit of £2 a side must be made at Mr. Silver's, the White Horse, Rupert-street, Haymarket, on Monday night.

C. JONES AND MAXWELL.—These men are also matched to run 200 yards, for £5 a side. Jones receiving two yards start. To come off at Garratt-lane, Wandsworth, on Monday, February 9. 10s. a side was staked at Mr. Silver's, Rupert-street, Haymarket, on Monday night last, and the next deposit of 10s. a side has to be staked at Mr. Silver's on Monday next.

GRACE, of Tottenham, and the Unknown of Edmonton, are matched to walk four miles, three to receive half a minute start, for £5 a side, to-day (Saturday) £2 a side is staked in the hands of Mr. Goodwin, and the remaining £3 a side is to be made good on the day of the race, at the Ordnance Arms, Edmonton.

The whole of the money for the forthcoming race between Dick Wormsley, and Pike (the Regent-street Pet), has been staked in the hands of Mr. Edwards, of Seymour-place, to run at Gunnersbury-lane, on Monday week, January 26.

W. WALKER matches Ashbury's bitch Venus to run T. Walker, late of Lincoln, but now of Sheffield, the bitch to give him fifty yards' start in 100 yds, for £5 a-side; to run on Saturday next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. £1 a side has been staked in the hands of Mr. Goodwin, and the remainder to be staked on the day of the race, before 12 o'clock. To be run on a fair turnpike-road near Sheffield. William Bailey, final stakeholder and referee.

DETERMINED ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE, AND EXTRAORDINARY SAGACITY OF A DOG.—On Saturday morning, a man under known in the neighbourhood of Southampton, Hampshire, as the Rutland Stag, made a most determined attempt on his life, by cutting his throat with his pocket knife, in a wood adjoining Rutland-lane; but fortunately his life was saved through the sagacity of Mr. Geo. Webb's favorite dog Bob, who seized his master to the spot by his bathing, and refusing to leave the place until Mr. Webb returned to the wood. Mr. Webb immediately had the unfortunate man removed to his own house, and medical skill remains at Mr. Webb's house in a very precarious state. Jealousy was the cause of the rash act.

THE SPAWNING SEASON IN THE ETTRICK.—A slight flood in the Ettrick on Saturday showed that there is little diminution in the quantity of fish in the river, as great numbers were seen trying to get over the cauld at Selkirk. The great quantity of fish that they contained, and a size ranged from 14 to 20 lbs.; and as many of them did not succeed in surmounting the barrier, they have fallen back to the streams below, where they have found spawning grounds. They are jealously watched.

BRODIE'S STRAWBERRY GLEN.—BRODIE'S GOLD-COATED PILLS, tasteless, free from mercury, are the safest and most speedy cure in all stages of Gonorrhœa, Gleet, Spermatorrhœa, and other venereal disorders, and one day's dose will be sufficient to convince the most scrupulous of their invaluable and unfailing efficacy.—Boxes, 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 7s. 6d.; post, 6d. extra.—8, Haswell-street, Oxford-street.—Post Order D. Brodie.—Stamps taken.

SHOOTING.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

On Tuesday last there was a monster meeting of all the sporting community of many miles round to witness a grand match at Cradley Heath, near Stourbridge, for a pig, the largest in the county, weighing upwards like 45 score; 36 members at 10s. each, 3 birds each, on the usual conditions. The attendance was extraordinarily large, and the sport, on the whole, very good. Owing to the lateness of the hour before the commencement of the match, and the number of competitors, two rounds only were shot, with the following result:—

Hirt	1 1	Snooks	1 1	Cooper	1 1
Phillips	1 1	Hanson	1 0	Smith	1 0
Penn	1 1	G. H. Davies	1 1	Mahlin	0 0
M. S.	0 1	Appleton	0 0	Dalby	1 1
Hadley	1 0	Woodhouse	1 1	Lee	0 0
Webb	1 0	Hadley	0 0	Hatlas	1 0
Dilkington	1 0			M. S.	1 1
J. Smith	1 0	Andrews	0 0	S. Clayton	1 1
Hall	1 0	Miller	0 0	Billis	0 0
Ware	1 0	Rose	1 1	Bills	1 0
Stokes	1 0	Ross	1 1	T. Jones	0 0
Smith & Griffiths	0 0	Davis	0 0	Sutton	1 0
Elcock	1 1	Nock	0 0	T. Jones	1 1

It will be seen by the above that there were sixteen ties, which will be shot off on Friday next. The shooting throughout was exceedingly good. Messrs. M. S. Ross, and Cooper having second birds allowed, theirs falling in a doubtful quarter. The attendance at this, the principal sportsman of the district, and others interested in the match, which, although kept pretty snug, managed to attract a very large number of those in the "know." At two o'clock an adjournment was made to the scene of operations, the field near Cradley Rectory, on the road for Oldcott, when a charge of sixpence for admission caused considerable dissatisfaction, notwithstanding which there could hardly have been less than 400 spectators present, showing the interest attached to the match—both men and boys being well known in sporting circles, in the vicinity. After a few trial birds had been popped at the men settled down to work, Mr. Jenks opening the ball by unfortunately missing his first bird. Score:—

Mr. Jenks	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Mr Nevitt	1 0 0 1 1 0 0—6
Mr. Nevitt, after very indifferent shooting, beat his opponent by two birds, Jenks's chance being cut after missing his ninth bird. On the completion of the above, which was a somewhat disappointing affair, an impromptu match was made between Messrs. Nevitt and Humphries, for a spread, at two birds each:—

Mr. Nevitt	0 0	Mr. Humphries	0 1

Mr. Nevitt missed both his birds. Mr. Humphries missed his first, hit his second hard, but as it bade fair to sail away, some officious scout brought it down, which *The Sonnetory*, and Mr. Humphries claiming a deuce, a dispute arose, which ended in Mr. Nevitt generously allowing a second bird, which Mr Humphries killed, and thus won the match. This affair being brought to a conclusion, several gentlemen present, cracks from Birmingham and the neighbourhood, entered into a 5s. sweepstakes at linnets, one bird each. Score:—

Mr. Nevitt	1 1 0	Mr. Bazant	0 0
Mr. Tommas	0 0	Mr. Johnson	0 0
Mr. Pickett	1 1 1	Mr. Boshell	0 0
Mr. Thursfield	0 0 0	Mr. Sloane	1 0
Mr. Taylor	1 1 0		

Messrs. Tommas, Thursfield, Bushell, and Johnson missing their first birds, went out. In the second round, Messrs. Sloane and Bazant retired from the contest, leaving the game in the hands of Messrs. Taylor, Pickett, and Nevitt, Mr. Taylor and Nevitt missed their birds, Mr. Pickett killing his in his usual pretty style, and thus securing the stakes. A few unimportant sweepstakes followed, and darkness coming on, an adjournment was made to the inn, where a very pleasant evening was spent. The pigeons supplied by Mr. D. Crosbie, of Aston under the management and superintendence of Mr. Crosbie of the Sycamore, Aston Park, and the linnets by Mr. Simpson, of Birmingham, were all that could be desired.

LEEDS.—On Monday there was a large muster of the admirers of the trigger at the Leeds Barracks to witness the shooting for £20, given by a sporting squire, at Mr. Cowburn's, wine merchant, Lands-lane, Leeds. There were 15 entries, consisting of men from Manchester, York, Durham, and other places. The conditions were, to have two days' shooting, at eleven birds, 12oz. shot. To follow day's Monday's score:—

Mr. Richardson	1 1 0 1 1—4	Mr. Hardy	1 1 1 0 1—4
Mr. Booth	1 0 1 1 1—4	Mr. Sloper	1 1 0 1 1—4
Mr dowling	0 0 0 0 1—1	Mr. Lees	1 1 1 1 0—4
Mr Willis	0 1 1 1 1—4	Mr. Cockin	0 1 1 1 1—4
Mr. Blades	1 1 0 1 1—4	Mr. Aspinall	1 1 0 1 1—4
Mr. Cowburn	0 1 1 1 1—4	Mr. Bartle	1 1 1 0 1—4
Mr. Smith	1 0 1 1 1—4		

Messrs. Sloper and Gurford were to shoot at the whole of their birds on Tuesday, when the others were to shoot their remaining six birds each.

EAST HANTS GROUNDS, PORTSMOUTH.—A shooting match for £20 a side, between Mr. Watkins, of London, and Mr. Warrell, gunmaker, Portsmouth, 50 sparrows, 21 yds rise. The match which excited the keen sporting interest of the lovers of the trigger, is to come off at the above grounds on Thursday, Jan 15. Mr. Warrell has for the last six months challenged any man in England, but it is thought by the knowing ones that the Londoner have got a match for the Portsmouth cracks at last. We shall give a full account in our next.

HYDE PARK, SHEFFIELD.—On Tuesday, the usual 10s. sweepstakes, at four birds each, was shot at the above grounds. The conditions were the same as usual, and the following shooters contended:—J. Roberts, Langsett; G. Burch, Stannington; J. Hodgen, Joseph Gregory, Loxley; and C. Coldwell. Joseph Gregory killed all his birds and secured the sweep to himself. After the above had been decided, another sweepstakes, at three birds each, entrance 7s. 6d., was made for the prize by Mr. Gregory, Hackers, Burch, and Roberts, when the three first named killed all their birds and divided the stakes.

HALL AND HOUGH.—Mr. Redfern now has £5 a side for a match between J. Hall, of Knutsford, and J. Hough, of Rumworth, near Bolton, to shoot at 15 sparrows each, for £5 a side, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Mr. Davis's, Cole Brook, for Hall to shoot with a double gun, 19 yds rise, with 1¼ oz of shot, Hough a single gun, 21 yds rise, and 1¼ oz. of shot. Mr. Redfern to be referee.

BILLIARDS.

CAMBRIDGE.

The first annual billiard handicap came off at Mr. Thomas Sanders' billiard rooms during the last fortnight, and drew a large assemblage of spectators. Some fine strokes were made, which were greatly applauded, and the play of each two as well to be seen by the score, reflects great credit on the handicapper.

	Points given.			Points given.
Moore	0	beat	Tomson	8
Cole	6	beat	Carey	3
Jay	6	beat	Bell	15
Boning	3	beat	Ansell	3
Thompson	6	beat	Laurence	10
Legge	6	beat	Jones	6
Wilderspin	6	beat	Tavenor	6
Kennedy	15	beat	Thurston	3

Collier walks over.

Second round—Collier walks over, *v.* Kennedy, Moore beat Wilderspin, Cole beat Legge, Jay beat Boning, Thompson walks over.

Third Drawing: Thompson beat Jay, Cole beat Collier, Moore walks over.

Fourth Drawing: Cole beat Moore, Thompson walks over.

Fifth Drawing: Cole beat Thompson, and won the handicap.

The next handicap takes place on Monday next, January 20.

MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL.

METROPOLITAN

BEFORE we notice the theatres at which special novelties call for lengthened remarks we may make a few supplementary notes to our review of the entertainments produced for the holyday-keepers of this season of universal festivity. We find that we stood in a remarkably small minority when we asserted that few of the theatres had come up to the usual high standard in the pantomimes and burlesques of the year, for honest criticism of theatricals does not appear to be a peculiarity in modern journalism. The facts, the men to whom the theatrical departments of the journals are entrusted are too intimately allied to the managers, and their interests too closely interwoven with the theatres to admit of independence. There are exceptional cases, but unfortunately they are very rare. This state of affairs seems to be likewise in the ascendant on the other side of the Atlantic, for in the *New York Spirit of The Times* just to hand, we find "Bayard," the best theatrical critic of America, writing thus:—

Again disclaiming any intention of attempting a reformation—for I do not consider myself qualified for the task—I repeat my opinion that these half-educated, half-foolhardy writers have degraded criticism to the very gutter. To an author or a new artist they play the part of the wolf in the fable, or a trembling fox (unless, indeed, the author belongs to the Mutual Admiration Society). Let the first appearance of a player or a play be announced, and the kennel is in an uproar. On the first night, taking their cue from the patriarchal terrier, they set upon the victim with appetites whetted by long abstinence. Woe be unto him if the tile-leader takes a dislike to the performance or piece. Prejudice, or that insane desire to be smart, will guide the pen and sweeping condemnation will certainly follow. On the contrary, the more clever and the worse piece may be praised to the echo, from impulses just as undignified and unjust."

After reading the above we can only say that it is a sad pity for us that we have not a few "Bayards" engaged on our influential journals instead of a clique of small dramatists, who land to the skies their own productions and pooh-pooh the work of those unfortunate enough to be outside their charmed circle. The great enemy of the modern critic seems to be the man who dares attempt anything original, for this is the person he has most to fear: the continued success of originality being the death-blow to adaptations, and the extermination of adaptations being the starvation of three parts of the English writers (save the mark) of the metropolis. We have, in the last sweeping passage, illustrated the contemporary criticism of his time, but what we could say more of that which now appears in our newspapers and literary periodicals we are at a loss to conceive; perhaps he would have treated it with silent contempt, which reminds us that we digress, and must, to be brief, or that it would lie a well-trod return to our starting point—the Christmas entertainments, from which we have slightly wandered. When we condemned the amusements of the season it was with the perfect conviction that public opinion would support us, and a letter from Bulwer, of the Opera House, now reveals the fact that we were right, for the benches are in many cases unoccupied to an unprecedented extent, and this occurs at the very places of which we spoke in the strongest terms of disapprobation. We are sorry for this, but the lesson will, perhaps, work wonders.

COVEN'T GARDEN is a considerable attraction, and although much lacerated, in order to bring the performance to a close at a reasonable hour, it is yet a work worth hearing, and its reproduction is just close; but the sooner Mr. Balfe completes his "Marie Tudor," and produces it the better, for the *Rapsitude* of the house have ha quite enough revivals on a season. The pantomime works smoothly, and the Payne family keep up a glorious harlequinade. "Faust" with Miss Parepa, Messrs. Perron and Weiss, in the principal parts, is said to be in rehearsal.

The HAYMARKET is crammed to suffocation nightly, Mr. Sothern still carrying all before him. Mr. Buckstone, says the *Court Journal*, is believed to have cleared nearly £25,000, in 1862 along, by Lord Dundreary. Mr. Sothern's services, it is believed, are secured for a term of years, the salary being, over £6,000 a year. Mr. Buckstone has re-engaged Mr. Sothern for no one knows how long, and wisely too, for neither Mr. Buckstone nor "any other man" can possibly distinguish the vanishing point of this attraction to the public. At present, all that can be gleaned is that Mr. Sothern is to be over. We observe that Mr. Falconer is already advertising "Bonnie Dundee; or, the Men of the Clans," the piece which it is supposed is to fill OLD DRURY to overflowing, after the same style as "Peep o' Day" spirited people within the walls of the Lyceum have flocked to his *Rag Blue*. Mr. A. Vining, as *Gonzague*, was quite in his element, and played with consummate ease. The author, as the Irish soldier of fortune, was perfectly at ease, and acted with the greatest care, while Mr. Widdicombe did full justice to the part of *Peyrolles*, the servitor, who attempts the assassination of *Henri*. Miss Kate Saville was delicate as the bereaved *Duchess*, throwing a deep pathos into the part which shed a lustre of high tragedy about it. As the gay, sparkling young *Gitana*, Miss Leclercq acted, sang, and danced in the most refreshing manner, while Miss Kate Terry was full-blown in the pantomime, which, by the way, is the rather weak farce of *Bite-che*. The ballet is large and efficient, and perform a wild gitana dance in the first act, and a stately minuet in the second, with consummate skill. The scenery and dresses are superb, and the incidental music most appropriate. Taken as a whole, it was long ago that we witnessed so complete and deserved a success. The national anthem concluded the performances.

ADELPHI.

We have great pleasure in announcing that Miss M. Wilton appears here nightly in "The Little Treasure," a drama in which she can be seen to advantage. We sincerely trust that the New Adelphi will be a permanent home for her, for she is an actress we can at the present time but little afford to lose.

BRITANNIA.

We this week give an illustration of one of the comic scenes of "Abon Hassan," the Britannia pantomime, in which Mr. Tom Sayers, with his learned mules, holds high revel. The incident is taken from the scene in which Tom dedd, any one to ride his little animals, and also fails to perform any brilliant act of equestrianism himself. The whole affair is bustling, and provocative of great laughter. The pantomime is small, but well placed upon the stage, and being acted with spirit, serves to fill the house to suffocation every evening.

PROVINCIAL.

BRIGHTON.

THEATRE ROYAL.—The pantomime continues to run successfully, and nightly attracts crowded houses. Mr. Dion Boucicault's comedy of "A Lover by Proxy," supported by Messrs. Baraby, Soutar, A. Sanger, Miss Cavendish, Mrs. Soutar, &c., has proved an agreeable afterpiece to the Christmas novelty.

ROYAL PAVILION.—The annual ball of the First Sussex Volunteer Rifle Corps took place in this building on Thursday. The band of the Ninth Royal Lancers performed some capital operatic selection during the evening, and the entire arrangements gave general satisfaction to a large assembly.

CARNIVAL HALL.—Mr. John Hulford, the respected manager of this establishment, took his annual benefit on Friday, and was rewarded with such an entirely overflowing house, that money was actually turned away from the doors. The amateur hand-bell ringers appeared and executed some pleasing selections, which were much approved of, as were the comic songs, &c., of Mr. Hickling, and the national comic effusions of Frank Fulford. The Misses Arlington's capital serio-comic duets and dances were highly appreciated and repeatedly encored; and the effective characteristic songs and dances of Miss C. Maskell, was rendered with excellent ability; as also the Irish comedian and piper, was A1 (and that's enough to say of him). Mrs. Wood was really a gem of serio-comic nothing, and made the audience almost burst with risible emotion. The negro entertainments of the Brothers Lambert, and the magical performances of Herr Sygile, were well rendered, and warmly welcomed, as was the amusing transformation dances of Miss Rose Arlington. The bill of fare concluded with a new screaming sketch arranged by J. Fulford, Esq., which elicited roars of merriment and applause.

ALBION HALL.—The company continues the same, the only additions to the programme being the daring feats of Mr. J. Stevett, and the introduction of a laughable ballet, supported by Messrs. Bassey, St. Clair, Miss Lizzie Fitzgerald, and Miss Lizzie Fitzgerald.

The Inhabitants' Ball and Card Assembly came off in the new room of the George Inn, Hendfield, on Wednesday. The catering was excellently carried out by Mr. O. N. Stoner, the obliging host, and gave great satisfaction to a numerous attendance.

GLASGOW.

THEATRE ROYAL.—The magnificent pantomime of "Blue Beard," with its scenes, dances, puns, and love-making, still continues to draw great attention at this theatre. The numbers flocking nightly to behold it. Of its merits we have already spoken, and consequently need not dwell upon them here. Suffice it to say that, in so far as scenery is concerned, it is truly gorgeous, the artistic excellence and fertility of imagination of Mr. Wm. Glover and Mr. John Connor, jun., being much admired. The principal parts are in the hands of Miss Lydia Thompson, Mr. F. Lloyd, Mr Hamblin, Miss Eliza Hamilton, and Miss H. Watson being particularly worthy of mention. Altogether, a visit to this theatre will be very well repaid.

PRINCES THEATRE.—The pantomime of "Cinderella and her Little Glass Slipper," with its beautiful scenery, innumerable fairies, and its entry songs, dances, and flashes of merriment, will be produced at this comfortable little theatre for the last time on Monday evening. First a conclusive word of praise is due to Miss Marie Ribbon, Miss Simpson, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Fitzroy, and Mr. Rochfort, for the remarkable manner in which they have throughout sustained their respective parts. During the past fortnight an additional attraction at this theatre has been the appearance of Master Harry Rusdale, a clever and versatile little fellow of some ten or eleven years of age. He has appeared nightly in different farces produced during the pantomime, and in all of which he has been applauded to the echo. He has been well supported by Miss Maria Ribbon, a young lady of superior talent and intelligence, Miss Simpson, Mr. Fitzroy, Mr. Lindsay, and others.

LIVERPOOL.

PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE.—On Boxing night was produced an original burlesque, entitled "Ivanhoe, in accordance with the Spirit of the Times," by Mr. Henry J. Byron, in which that gentleman sustained *Isaac of York*, a jew of the Shylock type; making a first-class comedy to take this rambling piece, it is only just to state that by their combined efforts they have made the burlesque successful. But the management must be accountable for the failure of what was *intended* to be a great sensation, viz., the rescue of *Rebecca* (Mr. B. Sheridan) from a *Spy Hole* (Mr. A. Nelson) by *Brian de Bois Guilbert* (Mr. Charles Sugden) down a water-spout in the same manner as *Harry Kavanagh* in "Peep o' Day." It would require very little attention to make it a sensation scene on a small scale, but the clumsy manner in which it is got up prevents all possibility of so doing.

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PLYMOUTH.

THEATRE ROYAL.—After all the great fire, so far as the theatre was concerned, seems to be "all smoke," for the house, reopened on Monday last with the reproduction of the Christmas pieces. But little damage has been done, and the local press has disgracefully mislead the public by the unusual reports issued on this occasion. Captain Holloway, the distinguished actateur, made a speech upon on behalf of the management, and all went off smoothly. The opening drama was "Sunshine through the Clouds." We think the farce entitled "A False Alarm," would have been still more appropriate.

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